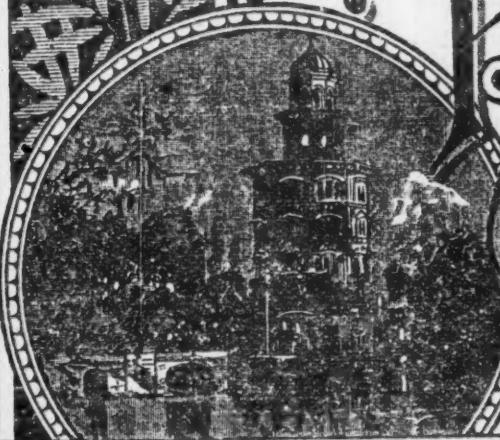


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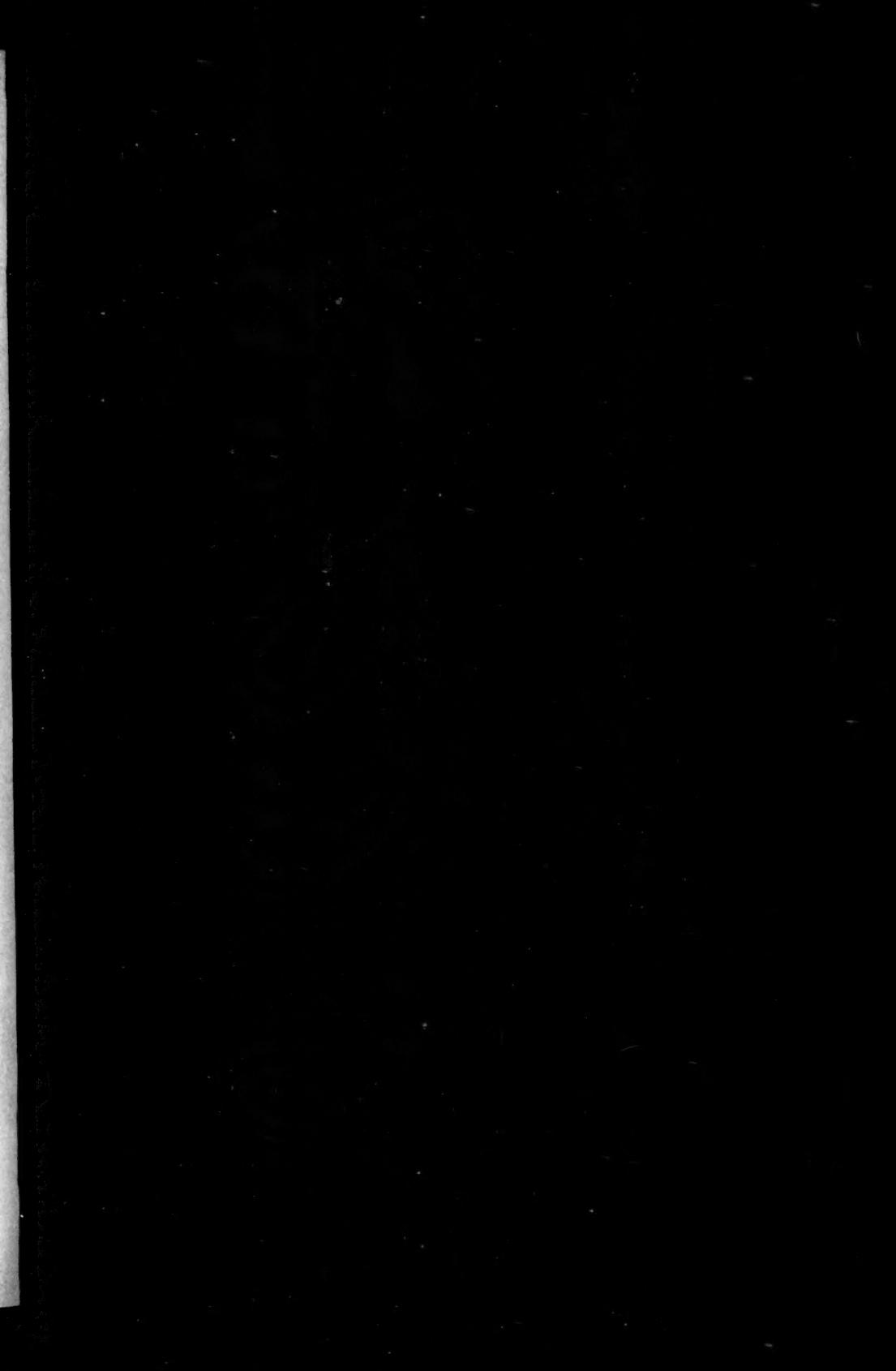
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TOO late! Too late to lay plans or execute them for 1887! Its opportunities are past. If its hours have been spent selfishly, they have been stereotyped with that impress upon them. If we have lived to do all the good we could, and help make the world better, influences have been set in motion that will be eternal in good results. Millions of heathen are unchristianized. What have we done towards bringing to their attention the knowledge of salvation? Is it not a sad thought that many churches have done nothing? And sadder still that they *never, NEVER* can do the duty of 1887?

But it is not too late to plan and work for missions in 1888. Therefore, leaving that which is behind, let us press forward to take up the work of the new year with energy and vigor, seeking to make a better record in advancing Christ's kingdom than ever before.

In order to do this, let us plan for it,—plan definitely. For its own honor, for the honor of the denomination, for our honor as business people who have entered into a contract with men and women whom we have sent into the foreign and home fields to do work for us, each church should have some definite plan for raising money for foreign and home missions. Because our women constitute so large a part of the member-

ship of the churches, they should feel responsible for securing the adoption of some such plan. With the thought of union of effort prominent, let us show our brothers that we are willing to try and see how well we can plan together, for some method by which we can adequately support the work which our boards have undertaken.

In the meantime, let us enlist every woman whom we can, in supporting the work which the woman's society is doing. There is no fitting for a broader work equal to doing fully, efficiently, and faithfully, that already undertaken. It would be mischievous to suddenly drop obligations assumed, until careful planning shall provide for the caring for all interests involved. If the time is in the near future when a consolidation of plans and work can be wisely made, it must mean that every element of strength in the work at home must be retained, and the whole field now occupied be better manned (and womaned) than at present.

Again, we urge the adoption of the missionary concert by the auxiliaries, in co-operation with the pastors and others interested. There is a wide-spread conviction that we *need* the help of missionary concerts in all our churches. Then, if we *need them*, let us *have them*,—have them in 1888, with the plan all laid before the commencement of the year. Every church in our denomination ought to give one Sabbath evening in January to prayer for the universal spread of Christ's kingdom, to a consideration of Bible promises to that end, and such other exercises as will enthuse the people.

We greatly desire that *monthly* concerts be held; but, if it seems too much to undertake at first, have them bi-monthly, or even quarterly. But have some definite plan about the matter, or, in all probability, half the year will pass, and nothing be done.

Let us be up and doing, and plan and execute so faithfully for missionary work in 1888, that there will be no "too late" wail at the close of the year.

RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST TO ALL.

AT the meeting of the Woman's Board of the F. B. W. M. S., held at Ocean Park, requests were made by Presidents Mosher of Hillsdale College, and Cheney of Bates College, respectively.

The first, the proposition of President Mosher, presented the plan of the trustees of Hillsdale College to establish, as soon as practicable, a professorship for the teaching of many things especially needful for women to know in practical, every-day life, including healthful living, dressing, and a wide range of subjects that would be of much value to the young women in their future homes,—the professorship to be filled by a woman. Much sympathy with the plan was expressed by members of the Board, and the following resolution was unanimously passed :—

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with the object presented, and that we hereby promise our cordial co-operation in bringing about the desired result, and that we will, through the MISSIONARY HELPER, bring the subject to the attention of the people.

President Cheney's plan looked also to the appointment of a lady professor in Bates College. It was cordially received, and was supported by the following resolutions, which explain the matter as presented :—

Whereas, The Hon. J. L. H. Cobb of Lewiston, Me., has pledged himself in writing to give \$25,000 to Bates College, on condition that \$75,000 additional shall be raised for said college ; and

Whereas, The president of said college has invited this society to render assistance in meeting the said condition ; and

Whereas, We learn from the president of the college that there are now in the treasury of the college \$800, given by three women, for the purpose of endowing a chair in the college, to be filled by a lady professor ; and

Whereas, In our opinion, the time has come for completing the endowment of a woman's chair in the college, to the end

that, among other things, there shall be a lady member of the faculty, to advise the lady students of the college, and to whom the lady students can go for advice ; therefore

Resolved, That we will comply with the request made to us, by which we mean that we will give the college our sympathy and co-operation in raising for it the necessary funds, and the influence of the MISSIONARY HELPER from time to time : *provided*, it shall be understood by the authorities of the college that such women as desire their gifts to go toward endowing a chair for a lady professor, shall have their wishes complied with.

WILL THE WOMEN HELP?

BY J. L. PHILLIPS.

AT a meeting of a temperance society we know of, there was a decidedly discouraging tone, and a debt to be liquidated, and doubts as to future work, and so on. Everybody doubtless had his reason why for this state of things ; but a bright friend of ours put the case in this way : "The reason why that temperance society doesn't get on is a short and simple one,—the men don't let the women help them."

In missionary work, so far as I have noticed, the men are not merely willing, but eager, that the women should help them. And what needs woman's heart and hand just now in our churches, is the *monthly concert of prayer for missions*. I have never known a really successful concert, in which Christian women had no part in the planning or the execution. There are strong reasons for woman's hearty co-operation in this movement, some of which may be cited.

Women constitute the majority in our church membership ; hence, whatever interests and occupies them, must have a strong hold upon the church. Women are the natural teachers of the rising generation, and should share in all that goes to make the children and youth of our churches more intelligent and more useful. Women, as a rule, succeed better than men in enlisting their neighbors in benevolent enterprises, by securing their

sympathy and their regular contributions. And women have the gift,—for such it really is,—more than men, of making our schemes of philanthropy a vital force, and a warm, pulsating, and persuasive power in the home and in the church.

How may our sisters help us with the monthly concert? First, by helping the pastor in planting it; and then in faithfully maintaining it every month. So far as heard from, only one of our Rhode Island churches observes this concert regularly. A few others in New England—probably less than a score in all, counting in New York and the West—are doing this same thing. Here are the facts, so far as I have been able to reach them. Who does not see the need of patient and persevering effort on the part of our sisters, towards improving this state of things?

The apostle Paul wrote to his "true yokefellow" at Philippi: "*Help those women.*" Were he here, I can not doubt he would say to the women of our churches: **HELP THOSE MEN.** The pastors, deacons, and the brethren of the committees, all need woman's heart and head in planning, and her hand in carrying on successfully, this monthly meeting of prayer for the world's evangelization. Who better than woman can glean the golden grains of progress from the great harvest fields, and bring them in,—for cheering on men to pray, and give and work for the redemption of our lost race? With all my heart, I say: May God grant that the women of our churches may now come up nobly and resolutely in support of this monthly concert of prayer for missions.

AN infidel was introduced by a gentlemen to a minister, with the remark, "He never attends public worship."

"Ah," said the minister, "I hope you are mistaken."

"By no means," said the stranger. "I always spend Sunday in settling my accounts."

"Then, alas!" was the calm but solemn reply, "you will find, sir, that *the Day of Judgment will be spent in the same manner.*"

THE LAST COMMAND.

BY MRS. G. W. COLBY.

NO lofty cathedral, with mosaic floors, and shifting rainbow shadows falling from stained glass windows ; no pomp or glitter or show ; but—picture it to yourselves—a lone mountain, and a few poor disciples, with rugged, sun-burned faces, upturned in rapturous awe toward a glory-crowned speaker. How every pulse-beat must have been a responsive thrill, as they listened to the last command of a risen, glorified Saviour.

No priestly robes or courtly vestments clothed those men whom Christ had chosen for his disciples. There was about them no evidence of rank or power, or superior intellectual culture. Could a skeptic of to-day have gazed upon that scene, he would have exclaimed, "What ! that little handful of men revolutionize the religion of the world ?" Scoff, if you will, O skeptic ! Pile your works of Voltaire and Paine and Ingersoll as high as heaven itself. Revive all the tortures of the Inquisition. Heap on the fagots that feed the flames encircling the Christian martyr. You may *hinder*, but you can not stay the progress of that work ; for—I speak reverently—God himself is the motive power that impels it forward. And love to God has caused noble men and women to leave friends and all the sacred endearments of home, to brave the perils of climate, of wild beasts, of cannibals, that this command might be fulfilled. So it has come down to us to-day,—through fire and torture and blood, and all manner of persecutions of his followers ; and it is binding upon some one to-day. Some one must meet it.

Let us each ask the questions : What have I done to help along this work ? What have I sacrificed of *self* ?

There is a fable of a certain Chinese potter who was ordered to make a costly service of plate for his sovereign. He went merrily to work, but all his efforts failed to produce anything that he deemed worthy of his ruler. So, at last, in despair, he cast *himself* into his furnace fires, and was consumed, as the

fable runs, "for his monarch's sake." When they drew him forth, they found that from his body had been wrought a service of plate more costly and beautiful than had ever before been seen. What have we given of *self* for our sovereign Lord? What good to benighted souls has been wrought by the sacrifice of some ornament, or pleasure, or selfish creature comfort?

"Oh, where are the glowing martyr hearts
Consuming at God's demand ?
Oh, who this day will go for the Lord ?
And who in the breach will stand ?

Oh, where is the hero pledged to the King,
To make this offering good ;
To take his life in his zealous hand,
And stand where He would have stood?"

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." There it stands in black and white. Evidently it is binding upon the disciples of Jesus until it is fulfilled. If so, let us each ask ourselves the question: Is it my duty to personally carry the news of salvation to those who sit in darkness? If we answer this in the negative, then comes another home question: As a professed follower of Christ, am I doing all in my power toward the fulfillment of this command? If not, how can I best do so?

What little thought I have been able to give this subject brings the following:—

1. By earnest, persevering prayer. God desires our prayers, and he delights in them, and stands ready to answer in his own good time.

2. By our influence. This may be exerted in a thousand and one ways. By educating ourselves, so that we may be able to talk upon missionary matters in an intelligent and interesting manner; by circulating our *HELPERS* and reviews; by taking an interest in the missionary concert; by calling attention to the pressing needs of our denomination; and—but every intelligent Christian woman can best answer this question for herself.

3. By educating our children to have a true missionary zeal. This is an important factor. It is said that the "mothers of to-day rule the world of to-morrow." If this be so, mothers, we have the work in our own hands. If every mother in the land would educate her children to be zealous missionary workers, the next generation would see such a conversion of benighted souls as this world never witnessed.

Lastly; we can help carry on this work by our money,—by giving as God has prospered us, heartily and systematically. It has been stated that, if every church member would give regularly, at the rate of two cents a week, the end of the present century would witness the complete spread of the Gospel. Christ's last command would be fulfilled. Think of it. "All the world for Jesus!"

Sisters, what shall we sacrifice to hasten on the glorious day when the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel shall float o'er every land ; and, borne on every breeze, from India, China, Japan, Africa, and from the islands of the sea, and through the valleys and over the mountains of heaven, from multitudes who have been redeemed from their idols and superstitions, and have gone home to glory, and from the army of noble missionaries who have gone to meet the reward of the faithful, shall sound the glad refrain, "All the world for Jesus!"

EARLIEST FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK.

BY V. G. RAMSEY.

IT is not an uncommon thing to hear foreign missionary work spoken of as a modern invention, whose necessity and utility may be reasonably questioned. Such views must necessarily arise (1) from a misconception of the spirit of Christianity, and an ignorance of the methods by which it has hitherto advanced. The wrong-doing that grows out of ignorance is only excusable when the ignorance is inevitable. With the life of Christ before us, and so much of the early history of the Church as is con-

tained in the book of Acts, we can have no excuse for misunderstanding the plan of work by which the world is to be evangelized, and none for refusing to do the part individually assigned to us.

The life and teachings of Christ reveal to us, (2) that, while he did not forget the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," he remembered the whole world with equal pity and love. Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, came to him in his sorrow, and his daughter was restored to him; and the prayer of the Syrophenician woman, and of the Roman centurion, were answered just as promptly and lovingly. He taught Nicodemus and Joseph of Aramathea; and he found refreshment and strength in speaking the words of life to the sinful Samaritan woman. His life inaugurated a new era. The spirit that dwelt in him and flowed from him is the power that has been and still is working out the salvation of the world, bringing it from the darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God. (3) He was himself the great missionary of this new era, and, when he returned to the Father, he clearly and explicitly directed his disciples how they were to carry forward the work that he had begun. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

After the ascension of our Lord, the disciples assembled together in an upper room in Jerusalem. There were a hundred and twenty men and women. This was the apparently insignificant force with which the great contest between Christianity and heathenism, (4) for the dominion of the world, commenced. Oh, what an unequal contest! for all the world except Judæa was heathen. Was there hope in such a contest as this? Oh, yes, there was more than hope,—there was assurance; for Omnipotence was pledged for their success. In that upper room they waited, according to the word of the Master, till they received the *power* by which they were to conquer.

The course of those disciples, who boldly, in the face of an opposing world, commenced to lay the foundation of Christ's kingdom, is before the Church, to-day, as her stimulant and

her example. Beginning at Jerusalem, they gathered a church that shared their inspiration, and entered into the spirit of their mission ; and from that center "they went everywhere, preaching the Word."

In the book of Acts we have a brief history of this eventful period. (5) After the first twelve chapters, the narrative is confined to the labors of Paul, the great missionary to the heathen. This is the brief and suggestive account of his call. "While the church at Antioch ministered unto the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said : Separate me (6) Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Thus appointed of God, they went forth unprotected and unprovided for, to meet the hatred and violence of the heathen world. We must remember (7) there was not a government that was not hostile to them,—not a place on the earth where they could carry their message with the assurance of safety. The blood of martyrdom had begun to flow at Jerusalem ; and, if this was the treatment they received from their own people, who had been under the teaching of the divine law,—who had in their keeping the oracles of God that foretold the coming of the Messiah, and the establishment of his kingdom, what might they expect from proud and ignorant idolaters, who saw their long-established and venerated religion attacked by strangers? Yet, in the face of all these difficulties and dangers, there was no shrinking, no fear. They knew that He who had (8) promised to be with them would lead them to victory, and that the day would come when the "ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Departing from Antioch, they came to (9) Selucia, which was at once the fortress and sea-port of the city, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. A large city by the sea, a wide-spread plain with orchards and vineyards stretching away to the mountains in the blue distance, composed the view on which the eyes of the apostles rested as they came to anchor in the Bay of Salamis. This was familiar ground to Barnabas, who

was a native of Cyprus, and it may have been that love for his kindred and country had helped to bring them here ; but all other interests were so subordinate to their great work, that, if his parents and brethren were among the Jews to whom they preached, they are not mentioned.

From Salamis, they crossed the island to Paphos. On this shore, it was said, the goddess Venus landed, when she rose from the sea, and the voluptuous city was given up to her polluting worship, and the deification of the basest passions of the human heart. But in this city, notorious for its shameful idolatry and unblushing lewdness, Christianity, coming boldly to destroy the old religion and to reform the corrupt society, achieved one of its earliest and most signal victories. Sergius Paulus, the Roman pro-consul, heard the Gospel, and "believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord." (10) This is the first instance recorded of a civil ruler who accepted Christ. We may reasonably suppose that his influence gave protection and strength to the apostles and to his fellow converts ; yet they did not linger in this inviting field. Having delivered their message, no ties of kindred, no love of country, no prospect of easy success, could keep them for a day. (11) Other souls were perishing in ignorance of the great salvation which they had proclaimed to the Cypriotes, and they hastened away.

They sailed the sea in the track of commerce and of war, bearing a treasure richer than gold, and a message more beneficent and more authoritative than any that ever proceeded from an earthly sovereign. As they entered the Bay of Pamphylia, perhaps they remembered that here the son of Miltiades gave a final blow to the retreating Persians, and that, still later, on these waters, the united fleets of Rome and Rhodes had met and defeated Antiochus, the Greek king of Syria. These battles had affected the destinies of nations ; but they knew they had come to inaugurate a campaign whose momentous consequences were to be felt to the uttermost parts of the earth.

(12) They landed at Perga, a city on the River Cestrus, seven miles from the sea. The first object that would naturally strike their eyes was the (13) temple of the goddess Diana, which stood on an eminence overlooking the city, and proclaimed to the world the idolatrous worship of its people. (14) Here John Mark turned back, probably overwhelmed by the magnitude and danger of the work. This moment of weakness and distrust must have cost him bitter regret, but the record could not be effaced. The everlasting honor of participating in this first missionary work among the heathen was offered him ; but he turned away, and lost the crown.

We next find them at Antioch in Pisidia, where "almost the (15) whole city came together to hear the Word of God." Here the success of their preaching aroused the hatred of the Jews, who raised a persecution that drove them from that city to Iconium. But the disciples, so far from being dismayed, "were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost." Here, also, there was a conspiracy (16) to destroy them, and they went to Lystra and Derbe. But their enemies pursued them, and in Lystra (17) Paul was stoned, and cast out of the city as dead. What did they do now? Did they return to (18) Antioch, and report that the work was impossible? Far from this! They returned again to those cities (19) where they had suffered so much, preaching the Gospel to all that would hear, "confirming the souls of the disciples," and warning them, "that, through much tribulation, they must enter the kingdom of God." (20) "Having ordained elders in every church, and commended them to the Lord," they sailed to Antioch in Syria ; "and when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

Can we imagine the astonishment and joy with which their story was heard? In this, their first effort, God had shown them the mighty obstacles in their way ; but in the wonderful preservation and wonderful success of the apostles, he had re-

vealed his power and his purpose to establish his church. In (21) two or three years, these two men had done a (22) work of incalculable importance,—a work whose beneficent influences are felt to-day.

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BLESSINGS.

BY LILLIAN A. TOURTILLOTTE.

I MUSED at evening, pensive, lone, and sad,
No word of comfort cheered or made me glad.
Dark shadows passed before my tear-dimmed eyes,
And storm-foreboding seemed my clouded skies.

“Why is it so?” I cried, while round me played
The varied figures of the sunset’s shade,—
“Why one has all good gifts beneath the sun,
While I have not a blessing,—nay, not one?”

I raised my eyes, and through the window-pane
I saw the budding earth, and once again
I heard the pe-wee’s cheery note, while clear
The sparrow’s song fell on my listening ear.

A voice reproved me, saying: “Thou dost see
Hill, river, field, and graceful, swaying tree;
The azure vault above thee, glowing bright,
Made radiant with an opalescent light.

“Hast thou no blessings when the calm winds blow,
Or when, with rippling cadence, soft and low,
The river’s music charms the drowsy air?
Is there no blessing in the bright and fair?”

I felt reproved, and whispered, “Lord, forgive,
And help me now, a truer life to live.”
The twilight deepened, and I turned to see
The kind home faces,—*blessings dear to me.*

Maxfield, Me.

FROM THE FIELD.

LETTER FROM INDIA.

DEAR HELPER:—As often as we are made glad by your coming, I am reminded of my promise to our mutual friends in the dear home land, to send a letter to them through your pages, now and then.

The most trying month of the year is not conducive to writing very inspiring letters. We are glad, however, to say we are all able to be steadily at work. In spite of rain and fickleness of weather, we have days, now and then, that bring to us sunshine. We had one last week. It was the annual prize-giving in the Christian schools connected with the two orphanages, the boys under Mr. Griffin's care, and the girls under Mrs. Smith's. Besides the boys and girls of the orphanages, the boys and girls of the native Christian community are taught in these schools. A number of Hindoo boys attend also. As I am more especially interested in girls' schools, I will tell you about this one. It seems too bad that there is no proper school-house for the girls. We hope to see one in the near future. The large, airy chapel was decorated for the occasion, with leaves and flowers strung on twine. Pictures sent in the boxes from home were also hung about the pillars and walls, and made us think of you all. Above all, and dearer than all, —at least, to me,—was the dear old "Union Jack." Gracefully and lovingly, at its side, hung the "Stars and Stripes." As it was a Hindoo holiday, we were told it would be useless to expect the Hindoo gentlemen to be present. They came, nevertheless. All were there, from the Kumar (native prince) to the principal of the English government school for boys. A large number of the native Christian community was also present. Mr. Tute, the chief government official in Balasore, pre-

sented the prizes to the boys. Mrs. Tute was not able to be present, so Mrs. Zorab, the wife of the civil surgeon, kindly gave the prizes to the girls. I can assure you it was a lovely sight to see so many Christian girls going forward to receive the rewards they had earned. There are sixty in the girls' school, and twenty-eight in the orphanage. All were there, and *all* got a prize, or present, of more or less value. Even Kamini, the cutest, blackest little tot in the orphanage, marched soberly up for a big doll.

After prayer by Kamail Naik, the native pastor, singing of Oriya and Bengali hymns, and recitations by the girls, Mrs. Smith read the annual report. Then every eye was on the large table which was laden with clothing, boxes containing needle-books, needles, thread, etc., and many useful articles, too numerous to mention, and pictures and dolls for the little ones. Oh, those dolls! How happy they made us all! All the way from America, too! Could the senders have been with us, and seen the pleasure they gave, I am sure they would have felt more than repaid for their trouble. The Oriya weekly paper has a highly flattering account of the prize-giving. After speaking of the noble work Mrs. Smith has done and is doing for Orissa, it says: "How pleasing it was to see the little girls go up to receive dolls." I have almost forgotten to tell you of the more important prizes. The first was a silver medal to the first girl in Balasore who should pass in the highest standard in the vernacular. The prize was given by a native prince, and won by one of the girls in Mrs. Smith's school. One other from this school passed the same standard while at Jellasore, and is now in Calcutta, in an English school, preparing for the university entrance examination. I think you will hear of her success, too, for she is studious as well as clever. I feel so glad to think that these honors have been won in the Christian school. It proves to the heathen that their girls could do likewise, were they not bound down by the cruel Hindoo custom of child-marriage.

There were also prizes in money for the best scholars in each class, given by Mrs. Zorab ; for best sewing, by Mrs. Tute ; also prizes for good conduct, and for improvement in conduct. The Kumar, who is a strict Hindoo, has promised a more valuable medal next year, for the one who passes in the vernacular. Prizes are also promised for sewing and other work. I am so glad about the success of this school in which you are all interested, that I am telling you all these good things ; for I know Mrs. Smith, busy with classes all the time, in the next room, will have no time to tell you. I hope the day is not far distant when we may report as good things of the Hindoo girls' schools. The world moves, and with it slow, conservative India. I would like to tell about the nice time we had this week. Mr. Tute gave the schools ten rupees for sweet-meats. My letter is too long. I will only say the children had a *sweet*, noisy time on the veranda, and we were happy looking on.

J. B. HOOPER.

Balasore, Sept. 6, 1887.



ANYWHERE.

Any little corner, Lord,
 In Thy kingdom wide,
 Where Thou bidst me work for Thee,
 There would I abide ;
 Miracle of saving grace,
 That Thou grantest me a place,
 Anywhere.

Where we pitch our nightly tent,
 Surely matters not ;
 If the day for Thee is spent,
 Blessed is the spot.
 Quickly we the tent may fold,
 Cheerful march through storm and cold,
 With Thy care.

—*Mrs. Leigh Richmond James, in Home Miss. Monthly.*

HELPS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

[For help in answering the following questions, see the article by Mrs. Ramsey, "Earliest Foreign Missionary Work," the figures in the article corresponding to the questions.]

1. What has caused the mistake, that foreign missionary work is a modern invention?
2. What do the life and teachings of Christ reveal?
3. Who was the great missionary of the new era?
4. For what is the contest between Christianity and heathenism?
5. Where do we find the history of the first missionary work among idolaters?
6. Who were the first missionaries?
7. Were there great dangers and difficulties in the work?
8. What gave them courage?
9. From what church were they sent, and where did they commence their work?
10. Who was the first civil ruler converted to Christianity?
11. Why did they hasten away from Cyprus?
12. Where did they go?
13. How were they reminded that they were in a heathen country?
14. Who forsook them there, and for what probable reason?
15. Where next, and what happened there?
16. From Iconium, where did they go?
17. What happened to Paul at Lystra?
18. Were they disheartened?
19. What did they do?
20. What did they do in every church?
21. How long time had they spent in this journey?
22. Was their work important?

WORDS FROM HOME WORKERS.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Rhode Island district met in the F. B. church at Olneyville, July 27, 1887. The meeting was addressed by Rev. E. W. Parsons, who evinced a hearty interest in and sympathy with the work. It was suggested that the resolution relative to missionary concerts be considered informally. Previous to the discussion, a letter from Mrs. M. R. Phillips was presented, setting forth the "ten times one" plan of the Rev. E. E. Hale, and urging a trial of the plan for the enlarging of our work. Many spoke to the resolution. Much interest and confidence in the good which might be thereby accomplished was expressed. Rev. Mr. Parsons spoke earnestly in its favor, and said the only thing essential to success is to make the meeting interesting. Attention was called to the leaflet, "India our Mission Field." A letter from Miss Evans, the corresponding secretary, was read, in which she requested more correspondence from the churches, and urged a larger use of the Bible, and more prayer in our auxiliary meetings. Adjourned.

A. B. TOURTELLOT, *Rec. Sec., pro tem.*

VERMONT.

At the Huntington Q. M., in Starksboro, Oct. 8, there was a business meeting for the appointment of officers for the year, and the following persons were chosen: president, Mrs. H. T. Barnard of Underhill; secretary, Mrs. G. B. Clifford of Starksboro; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Fuller of Waterbury Center; and a vice-president in each church represented at the Q. M. In the evening, after a Sunday-school address by Rev. H. T. Barnard, the ladies held a public meeting, with the following order

of exercises: singing, "Lo, the golden fields are smiling;" reading of Scripture, by Mrs. F. Reed; prayer, by Mrs. H. T. Barnard; singing, "Work, for the night is coming;" select readings, by Miss Ellen Reed, Miss Clara Smith, and Miss Inez Wyman. The secretary read some extracts from the "Reminiscences," in regard to the origin of the F. B. F. Mission, and then a collection of \$6.46 was taken. The meeting was an interesting, and, we hope, profitable one.

MRS. G. B. CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

STRAFFORD CO. Q. M.—At the last session of the Strafford Q. M., at East Randolph, the Woman's Missionary Society held a public meeting, Saturday evening, Oct. 1. It was a very interesting meeting, with the following programme: Scripture reading, by the Q. M. president, Mrs. J. D. Waldron; prayer, by Rev. B. P. Parker; singing, by the choir; report of secretary and treasurer, followed by several very interesting recitations by the children. Special mention should be made of two little ones: "My Dolly," by Alice Kibby, and "Missionary Music for Older People," by Dawn Perkins, were very nicely rendered. Encouraging remarks were made by Rev. J. D. Waldron and Rev. B. P. Parker. The congregation joined in singing, "From Greenland's icy mountains." Collection, \$5.00.

At the business meeting, Saturday afternoon, Mrs. J. D. Waldron was elected Q. M. president; Mrs. B. P. Parker and Mrs. C. E. Hurd, vice-presidents; Mrs. J. L. Barrett, secretary and treasurer. The interest in the mission cause seems to be increasing in this place, and we hope as a Q. M. we shall be able to do still more in the future than we have in the past.

MRS. J. L. BARRETT, *Sec.*

So. Strafford, Vt.

NEW YORK.

DEAR SISTERS IN MISSION WORK:—How cheering to hear a good report from workers in other quarterly meetings! I am

happy to say the W. M. S. of the French Creek Q. M. are awake to the cause of missions also.

The September session of the French Creek Q. M. was held with the Sherman church, and the W. M. S. held a public meeting, which was very interesting. The meeting was opened by singing by the choir ; select portions of Scripture, relative to mission work, by our good president, Mrs. S. L. Parker ; and prayer by Rev. Parker ; singing ; election of officers, consisting in the re-election of S. L. Parker for president, and M. R. Phelps for secretary and treasurer. Next in order was the minutes of the last meeting, also reports from auxiliaries, and a letter from a corresponding delegate of the Washington Q. M. ; "Missions," a paper by Mrs. Parker ; "The Child's Amen," by May Hubbard ; "The Lesson of a Snow-flake," by May Donnocker ; "Jesus and the Children," by Floyd Huntley ; "India Our Mission Field," a dialogue conducted by M. R. Phelps ; "Then and Now," a paper by Mrs. Boget ; "Organizing a Missionary Society," a dialogue. "The Little Red Box" was very nicely rendered by Miss Allie Keet, who appeared in the native India costume. Collection, \$2.04. Singing ; remarks by Rev's Donnocker and Fowler ; singing ; benediction by Rev. Parker.

MATTIE R. PHELPS, *Sec.*

IOWA.

A missionary meeting was held at Lockridge, Iowa, on Sabbath morning, Sept. 11, 1887, conducted by Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Western home secretary. After presenting the needs of missionary work, a woman's missionary society was organized, by electing the following officers : president, Mrs. Addie L. Hopkirk ; vice-president, Miss Eva Archibald ; secretary, Miss Victoria Toothaker ; treasurer, Mrs. Lillie Hanson ; agent for *HELPER*, Mrs. Belle Toothaker.

We have held two monthly meetings, and one public meeting, the latter on Saturday evening, Oct. 1, at which the following programme was presented : singing, "Praise God, from

whom all blessings flow," by congregation ; prayer, by Rev. J. H. Walrath ; Scripture reading, president ; reading of minutes, secretary ; declamation, "Come to the Missionary Concert," Minnie Smith ; music, "Church Rallying Song ;" essay, "The Missions and People of India," Mrs. Effie Stephenson ; music, "Over the Sea ;" recitation, "The Plea," Flora Smith ; music, "The Harvest Time is passing by," solo by Mrs. Belle Toothaker ; declamation, "In Memoriam," Lura Ripley ; music, "Song from over the Seas ;" remarks by Rev. A. R. Toothaker ; music, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," solo, Lura Ripley ; address by Rev. J. H. Walrath, pastor ; music, "Sound the Trumpet ;" benediction, Rev. J. H. Walrath.

Glendale, Iowa.

MISS M. V. TOOTHAKER, *Sec.*

KANSAS.

The W. M. S. of the Blocker church held their second public meeting on the evening of Aug. 14. An interesting programme was carried out. We are very much encouraged with the success we have had in the work, and are still having new names added to our list. Our society has twenty-eight members, and has, in the past year, raised \$24.72, and appropriated \$5.00 to foreign missions. Our prayers are that God will continue his blessings, and that we may be instrumental in bringing souls to Christ, and spreading the glad tidings of salvation.

MISS AMY SPAULDING, *Sec.*

A RETURNED missionary says: "The rum trade is the great curse of West Africa, a far greater obstacle to the success of our missionaries than anything we find in heathenism. They have few native intoxicants here, and the manufacture of palm wine could easily be controlled, if it were not for the importation of rum from Christian countries. The very vessel that carries the missionary out, will often be loaded with rum. When my husband and I returned to Africa, ten years ago, the vessel carried four missionaries, and 40,000 gallons of rum."

HOME DEPARTMENT.

THE CURTIS HOME.

BY MRS. F. L. DURGIN.

THE Lowell House at Ocean Park needs no introduction to the readers of the *HELPER*, nor yet the head-quarters of the Woman's Bureau; but the two, as wedded under the new name of the Curtis Home, may not be as familiar to all.

When it was discovered last summer that the Lowell House could be bought at figures which made it an undoubted "bargain," the ladies decided to set aside, for the present, their cherished plans of erecting a building, which, besides being a home, should be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," and throw all their energies into the purchase of this house, which was built about five years since, at an expense of more than \$3,000.

The first floor of this building is large enough to furnish a spacious reception room, in which *all are to be welcome*, book room, committee and lunch rooms, besides primary and normal class rooms. The second floor contains twelve dormitories, which it is proposed to furnish and rent, that the income may aid in the work of the Bureau.

The property was offered at \$1,200,—\$300 to be paid Sept. 1, \$300 Nov. 1, and the remainder at the pleasure of the ladies, with six per cent. interest from date of purchase, as it was supposed it might be a year or more before they would be able to make the last payment.

The calls for money, in every direction, were so urgent that it was with some misgiving, though with strong determination, that the ladies undertook to meet these conditions. J. L. Tourtellot, Esq., of Providence, R. I., started the enterprise with \$200, on condition that the remaining \$1,000 be contributed by the men of the denomination, and the building donated to the ladies.

A. C. Russell, Esq., of Lowell, pledged the final \$100. By the vigorous efforts of the soliciting committee, and especially of its chairman, Mrs. E. W. Porter, to whom great credit is due for her untiring zeal, another \$500 was raised in small amounts. Then Rev. Silas Curtis came to their aid, giving \$300, on condition it should be called "The Curtis Home," in honor of his beloved wife, Patience Curtis. What rejoicing there was over this announcement! Mr. Tourtellot magnanimously withdrew his condition, redeemed his pledge, and the thing was done. It was thought best to borrow a small amount of the F. B. W. M. Society, until the promised money was collected, so they, to-day, hold a deed of this property in trust for the Bureau, fully a year sooner than the most sanguine dared hope.

But do not imagine, dear friends, that, because sufficient money has been raised for the building, the work is accomplished. Repairs and changes are still to be made, and the whole furnished, before it can enter upon its appointed mission. While many have done all, and some more, than they were able, we are convinced there are yet some anxious to have a hand in building up this home, where Christian workers shall meet, discuss and put into practice some of the best means for advancing "physical, mental, and spiritual culture."

Don't wait to be invited. Send in your donation to Mrs. J. C. Osgood, North Berwick, Me., and next season come to the Park, gather with us around *our* blazing hearth, and sing the Doxology, while we pray God that the light from the Curtis Home shall shine into and brighten other homes now darkened by sin and superstition.

BIBLE STUDY.

MRS. C. E. DEXTER.

DR. PIERSON, in speaking of the importance of all Christians being awake to the needs and opportunities of the hour, in giving a knowledge of Christ to the world, says: "No

fact so colossal as Christianity has ever attracted the wondering gaze of man ; it fills the world's horizon to-day. No *book* so colossal in its grandeur ever challenged the admiration of even the wisest and best of men, as the **BIBLE.**" The aim of the Sunday-school normal teaching is not only to give a better knowledge of the many wonderful truths contained in this Book of books, but also to impress the one grand truth, which is found upon its every page,—the redemption of all mankind. Speaking upon this point, in the great mass meeting of Sunday-school workers, recently held in Boston, B. F. Jacobs of Chicago said : " I believe, without exception, that, next to the Bible, the 'Sunday-school Normal Outlines' is the most important book in the world to study." No one can study the events of sacred history, and trace God's dealings with his people, without reading, in characters as plain as the handwriting upon the wall, " God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," to bring it back to himself.

It is said, " Knowledge is power." We would say, Knowledge gives power. We need to better know the Word and its Author, and then we shall obey more faithfully the command, " Go, teach." Then we shall not be wanting in power, spiritually or financially, to evangelize the world. If the Word was better understood, an army of ten millions would not be wanting, who would be ready to listen to the battle-cry, " To the work ; " and then, in this nineteenth century, the knowledge of the Lord might cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In order to realize this, only one hundred souls must be reached, during the present century, by the Gospel light, by each one of this great army of consecrated workers. But the words of the Master are still echoing down the ages. " The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." He bade his chosen disciples go teach his Word, and we need diligently to obey the same command.

Systematic Bible study is one of the urgent needs of the hour. Great are the opportunities for advancing this work in this department of service. The normal instruction so simplifies the

work, that we can readily present Bible truths in a manner so attractive that the children are eager to listen, and, catching the spirit of the Word, are ready not only to give their pennies, but ask if, when older grown, they can not go and tell the heathen about Jesus.

If all our churches would at once give consecrated labor in this department of their Master's work, at the close of this century we should be able to find the needed army of workers, who would speedily give to all nations a knowledge of the light of life. The study of the life of Paul, as arranged in the normal lessons, would be helpful in all our missionary circles. The classes taught at Ocean Park are fruitful in good works. Several of the churches are being benefited by helpful instruction. Sunday-schools are enlarged, mission interests increased, and church life quickened. This line of work not only promotes Bible study, but it aids much in making Sunday-school teaching attractive.

The young people's department at the Park is under the direction of the Woman's Bureau, which also gives time and thought to the physical needs of our nature. Concerning this, we purpose to speak in another article.

BE PATIENT WITH CHILDREN.

NOWHERE is patience so needful and so essential as with children, small or large; and sometimes it seems as if the latter class made the most demands upon our store of patience, for they possess so many faults that require correction, and have so much perverseness that calls for control and firmness, and do so many careless things which must provoke rebuke,—and there are so many provocations that must be endured!—that, if mothers do not possess tempers absolutely under their control, and let patience have its perfect work, they are of all women the most miserable. “Line upon line, and precept upon precept,” are constantly required in the family circle. “Here a

little, and there a little," must be given, if mothers would bring up their children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." "Truly, ye have need of patience," saith Holy Writ; and it seems especially to refer to mothers and teachers of children.

Children are very mischievous and trying, to be sure; but, if one will inquire into the causes of their misconduct, explanations will often brighten the way. Let a child that has misbehaved have time to consider the errors of his ways before punishment is given, and he will often ask pardon for the offense; but, if blows follow the misconduct, the punishment is of little service, as it only excites the wrath of the child, who, if left to reflection, would have worked out for himself a sense of his wrong-doing.—*Good Housekeeping.*

A LESSON FOR MOTHERS.

LITTLE Dot.—"Dick, your mother said if you'd be a good boy, and stayed in the yard, she'd bring you some candy when she comes home."

Little Dick.—"I know, but she won't. She always forgets about it."

Dot.—"Well, she said if you went out she'd give you a spanking. Now, you'd better stay in."

Dick.—"No; she always forgets that, too."—*Omaha World.*

O mothers who bribe your little boy to be good by promises which you never keep, and frighten him from doing wrong by threats which you never execute, do you know what you are doing? Do you know that you are loosening the cords which bind him to your mother heart? That you are destroying his respect for you? That you are lessening your influence over him? That he has already begun to do in your absence what you have forbidden, secure, through your forgetfulness, of immunity from punishment? That he will soon hide from you habits which he knows you would not approve? No sorrow then will be like unto your sorrow; no repentance then will atone for

your neglect ; no agony of soul will be penance sufficient for having forgotten your boy.—*Selected.*

HOME CULTURE.

THE mother who has opened the door of knowledge and confidence when the child first knocked with questions that lead to the sacred mysteries of life, has prepared the way for a most tender and blessed relation with herself, and for the purity of character as needful for noble manhood as for elevated womanhood.

“To reverence all sacred things,” is the first promise of the “Daughters of the Temple.” Before a girl is old enough to wisely make a promise, she should receive from her mother, or whoever fills the place of a mother to her, some knowledge of some sacred things which she can not acquire in the present order of society from any other source.

The first requirement of purity is *truthfulness*. In a household, in a family association, where incorrect or evasive answers to questions are given, where concealment and dissembling are practiced, there is a matrix formed for the fruits of darkness.

It may not be the fact with the mothers whom this may reach, but it is the fact with large numbers of excellent women who are mothers, that, when the child first knocks with questions relating to the origin of life, the door is rudely shut ; or, worse, a misleading or false answer is given. This is the first fatal step. The mother, in turning from her child and giving it a stone when it asks for bread, has placed upon her soul the fetters of a great mistake, a grave error. Is it not correct to conclude that a consequence of such habit of withholding information, and placing under the shadow of concealment the truth which the child seeks, kindles a morbid curiosity, which is fed by vulgar, coarse, and demoralizing talk, especially in the byways which boys are often allowed to frequent? It is not strange that children should come to hold in an unworthy estimate forbidden topics,

and to suppose what is concealed from them has not the same claim on their respect as what is confided to them.

The careful teaching and training in earliest childhood that may prevent harmful association, and provide an escape from dangers that are thick in cities and towns, is also needful to make pure and enlightened marriages, and homes that will be free from destructive mistakes and inharmonies. There are many wrongs and woes, many social impurities, and much domestic misery, that can be best abated by the careful teaching of mothers. No one agency is so responsible for noble manhood and womanhood, and the domestic virtue and happiness of the future, as home culture by mothers.—*The Union Signal.*

DR. FRANCIS WAYLAND had in his study, on the morning of a college examination day, an anxious mother, who had brought her son from home, to be entered at Brown University. She was "weeping and wailing" about the probable dangers to which she must leave him in his college life, when Dr. Wayland, who was the president of the college, took his turn in the conversation.

"Madam," said he, "do you suppose God Almighty has forgotten your boy?"

She said, with some sobs, that she did not.

"Nor do I," said he. "Thus far he has educated his boy with you, and now he proposes to educate him without you."

Any serious man or woman, who will recollect how many valuable lessons he has learned, and how many permanent blessings he has received, for which he can not find that any human forethought provided, will be ready to accept Dr. Wayland's lesson.

We will lay down such general principles as we can. From hour to hour, we will keep our eyes open to do as well as we can; and, at the same time, we will acknowledge that a good God is caring for us and our children, and will order for them some things which we could not devise.—*Selected.*

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

AN IDOL.

WHEN grandpa was a sailor, he brought an idol home ;
It's twice as big as Mary's doll, and ugly as a gnome.
But all my aunts and uncles, papa, and many more,
Have had it for a plaything, when they played upon the floor.

It's very strange to think about the life that it has led ;
I like to play it's living, and has thinkers in its head.
For then it tells me stories, just like stories in a book,
Of cannibals and cocoanuts, and conchs, and Captain Cook.

Once, when I went to bed alone, just to see how 'twould feel,
I said, " Now I lay me " to it ; but somehow it was not real.
And I felt so funny after that, I sold a box of toys,
To send a missionary to the little heathen boys.

For I think it's very certain, when the heathen children knelt,
They couldn't learn to love it ; and probably they felt
That it was very useless as an idol, but 'twould make
An interesting dolly, if 'twas only theirs to take.

—Ernest Whitney, in *Wide Awake*.

A STREET SPECTACLE IN INDIA.

THE people of Chicacole—a town near the coast, about half-way between Calcutta and Madras—are in a great commotion to-day. They are dragging through the streets of their town large figures on carts. What are these? And what are the people making all this fuss about? There are musicians accompanying the carts, blowing trumpets, beating drums, and playing on other instruments ; and crowds of men and women are talking, shouting, and making a great noise. There are no

less than six figures set after one another in line in the procession. First comes a huge camel, as large as life. It is made of a light framework of wood, covered with cloth, and painted. The workmen who have made it have not been very skillful, for their work is clumsily done, and the camel is far from being a handsome one. But, in the eyes of the people who see it, it is a marvel of excellence. Next follow it three elephants, the biggest, as is right, coming first, and the smallest being last. They are all made in the same way as the camel, and, being set on carts and firmly tied, are drawn along by patient bullocks. Each has a small house on its back, called a howdah. Young men and lads have crowded into them, and are carried along aloft, with the pleasure of having a good view of the sight-seers beneath.

But what is that comes next? It is no animal that ranges the forest of this country. It is intended to be the model of an English steamship. See, there is actually smoke coming from its funnel. And who are these men in it, wearing white jackets and trousers, but with black skins within them? They are supposed to be the seamen and engineers who sail this strange vessel, which vomits smoke, although it has neither boiler nor engines, and is borne aloft in mid-air without the aid of either screw or sails. One might think that such a wonderful object as this would wind up the procession. No. There is something else yet. Here it comes. Ah! this is a sight we expect to see in this land of heathenism. The highest skill of the native artists has been employed to make it, and, in the onlookers' eyes, it is the grandest and most important part of the procession. But what it is, would puzzle a stranger to say.

It is a bird—a peacock—with a human figure mounted on it, having a great number of arms, and adorned, as its builders think, with great splendor. The rider is called Kumaraswamy. There are other smaller figures by the side of him, completely dressed, and, in reality, somewhat pretty,—so pretty, that a missionary spectator determines to try and purchase one, when the

show is over. When we look at the back of the figure, we find that it has only a front, and not a body, the back being merely the rough wood on which the cloth and tinsel of the front part is fastened. It has, however, two smaller figures set up against it,—the one, a person of smiling countenance, being Siva; the other, a frightful aspect, with bloodshot eyes and open mouth set with fearful teeth, having the name Hanuman.

But what does all this mean? Is this a kind of free show, or open-air panorama, or a trades-union procession? Not at all. These people never heard of such things. This grand sight is intended to give joy. It is a festival. But for whom is the pleasure? Do the rich of the town provide it for the poor, or the elders for the children? That is not the idea. All this show is for the purpose of pleasing their gods. In the month of March, the frightful disease, cholera, raged in the town. The inhabitants, believing that the gods were displeased for some cause or other, vowed to give them this festival, to pacify their anger. All classes of people subscribed to get up this exhibition; and now they think that their gods will be satisfied, and won't be angry any more, nor send cholera.

How foolish such a belief is, we know; and how very wrong the notion of God they have, in thinking he can be pleased with such vain show. Yet it is so much easier to think of God being satisfied with this, than to give him that obedience and service of the heart which he wishes. But you must remember that these poor people have no Bible, and no Sunday-schools, to tell them the truth about God. They are to be pitied, and not blamed. And we, to whom the good news about God has come, have to carry, or send, the message about his character and his love to those dark lands whose people do not know about them.—*Juvenile Miss. Mag.*

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“ HUNDREDS of dew-drops to greet the dawn;
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover;
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn;
But only one mother the wide world over.”

HELPING HANDS.

THINKING that a description of our society might help some one, I decided to write about it the best I could. At first, when we started out, we were three little girls,—it was in 1886, —and, before winter, we had seven. The next summer we had eleven girls, and now, in the fall of 1887, we have thirteen girls and ten boys. We sew patch-work, and the boys make scrap-books, and we read, speak, and sing. We had only girls at first, but when Miss Ida Phillips was here and gave a lecture, she advised us to have boys, and we tried it, and succeeded nicely. They take as much interest as the girls. We do work at home, and are filling a missionary box for Balasore.

Phillips, Me.

MARY T. BANGS.

[A later letter says that three more boys have joined the society, making *thirteen* boys and thirteen girls.—ED.]

MISSIONARY COSTUMES.

RECEIVED for costumes, in the month past, the following contribution :—

Auxiliary, Hampton, N. H. \$1.00

We trust further contributions will be forwarded. And we hope soon to announce additional costumes ready for use. When applying for costumes, we suggest that two or more dates be given, when possible, so that, if the costumes are unavailable for the first, arrangements may be made for a later date.

KATE J. ANTHONY, *Chairman.*

40 Summer St., Providence, R. I.

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“ ‘TIS not for us to trifle. Life is brief,

And sin is here.

Our age is but the falling of a leaf,

A dropping tear.

We have no time to sport away the hours ;

All must be earnest, in a world like ours.”

PUBLISHER'S DEPARTMENT.

THE interest of the friends of the *HELPER* in its increased circulation is attested by the number of new names that are being added to our list. Nearly every mail brings new names, and the outlook is encouraging that our list is to be decidedly increased during the month of December. Let us all work with a purpose born of the belief that the *HELPER* ought to be in all our homes. In one church where only two copies were taken, twelve new subscribers have been secured. In another, where eleven were taken, twelve have been added; and in still another, where none are taken, the pastor's wife is trying to secure twelve. Take advantage of the premium offers, which hold good to Jan. 1, and let us all work together for this object, to enlarge the circulation of our magazine.

To *present* subscribers we would say, *Do not discontinue*. We need you,—every one; and we are sure that the *HELPER*, if carefully read, will prove a help and inspiration in your Christian life.

Please notice on the printed label the date at which your subscription expires, and renew promptly. The change of date on the printed label is a sufficient receipt for your remittance. When a change of address is desired, give the old address in full, together with the new. It is hoped that agents will report promptly any change in the number of their clubs. All corrections for the January issue should reach us by Dec. 23.

“DOCTORING IN THE JUNGLES,” by Dr. Nellie M. Phillips.—This new leaflet of nine pages comes from the *Morning Star* press, and is attractive in appearance. It gives a graphic account of some of the experiences of this young physician in her practice among the Hindoos. It also contains suggestions to young ladies contemplating the life of a medical missionary. To place this leaflet in the hands of many readers, the price has been fixed at three cents per copy. Send all orders for it and other miscellaneous supplies to Mrs. I. E. G. Meader, 14 White St., Pawtucket, R. I.

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The above offers will hold good only on subscriptions received *prior* to January, 1888.

O THOU of little faith, lift up thine eyes!
Are the ten thousand glorious stars of night
But a vain dream, because thy feeble sight
May not behold them in the noon-day skies?

—*Mary Howitt.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE editor asks the especial indulgence of those who may send items for this number of the *HELPER*, after Nov. 10. On that date she leaves for the National W. C. T. U. Convention at Nashville, and therefore is obliged to edit this number earlier than usual. She hopes, however, to glean enough of interest on the trip, to be able to more than compensate for delay in a few matters that might otherwise come to the readers in this issue. . . . We learn that the church referred to by Bro. Phillips in his article is the Pascoag church, the only one in Rhode Island that has sent a missionary of its own to India. . . . As you wish your friends "A merry Christmas," there must be an undertone of sadness, if you stop to remember that 835,000,000 of the earth's inhabitants know nothing of the great Gift that makes Christmas Day so bright. Right into the midst of the days, when the nights are longest and the sunshine least, comes to us the day, so radiant with joy that it reflects its brightness upon all the year. May we be inspired to labor more devotedly, that into the midst of the night of heathen darkness the rays of the Sun of righteousness may penetrate.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for October, 1887.

MAINE.

	F. M.	\$	53
Acton and Milton Mills, auxiliary, one-half each for H. M. and F. M.	\$7 00		
	1 30		
Abbott, church.	5 00		
Bath, "For the women of India"	7 00		
Corinna, church.	5 00		
Cumberland, Q. M. collection.	7 00		
Dresden, Mrs. E. A. Nason, one-half each for H. M. and F. M.	2 00		
Dexter, Miss Haines.	1 00		
East Corinth, Young People's Mission Band.	1 50		
East Livermore, auxiliary, for			
		F. M.	1 75
		Exeter, church.	7 75
		Exeter, Q. M. collection.	
		Greene Corner, Young Folks "Mite Society," for Miss Coombs' salary.	5 00
		Harrison, auxiliary, on Minnie's salary \$12.50, Incidental Fund, \$1.50, and on L. M. of Miss Mary Ingalls	
		Kittery, auxiliary,	14 00
		Knightville, Mrs. Calista L. Higgins.	4 25
		Lewiston, auxiliary, Main St. church.	50
		Lewiston, Mrs. S. Q. Royal	30 96

60th birthday offering for Chandbali.....	\$1 00	for H. M., \$2.50 for F. M..	\$5 00
North Lebanon, auxiliary, teacher Chandra, at Balasore.....	5 50	Taunton, auxiliary, for Miss H. Phillips, \$3.50, for Miss Franklin, \$3.50.....	7 00
Parsonfield, Q. M., auxiliary for Miss Bacheler's salary.....	4 35		
Penobscot, Y. M. auxiliary collection.....	14 74	RHODE ISLAND.	
Pittsfield, Mrs. Walker.....	25	Auburn, "Crystal Band" for Miss H. Phillips's salary.....	2 50
Phillips, church.....	8 16	Carolina, Young People's Society for Miss H. Phillips, \$1.88, for Miss Franklin, \$1.87, for General Fund, \$1.25.....	5 00
Phillips, auxiliary, native teacher at Balasore.....	25 00	Greenville, auxiliary, Miss H. Phillips.....	10 00
Sangerville, auxiliary, Mrs. B. S. Gerrey, First church.....	1 00	Providence, auxiliary, Pond St., for Miss H. Phillips, \$2.50, for Miss Franklin, \$2.50, for General Fund, \$1.25.....	6 25
South Limington, auxiliary, for general work.....	2 08	Providence, Mrs. Mary Mote, for Miss H. Phillips.....	1 00
West Buxton, Miss. Circle.....	6 00	Tiverton, church, for Miss H. Phillips, \$6.53, for Miss Franklin, \$3.50.....	10 03
NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
Belmont, auxiliary, one-half each for Mrs. Lightner and Miss Butts.....	5 00	Warwick, Central church, for Miss H. Phillips, \$2.18, for Miss Franklin, \$2.17.....	4 35
Dover, H. H. Wallace.....	1 00		
Franklin Falls, auxiliary.....	18 15	MICHIGAN.	
Farmington, church.....	13 58	Batavia, auxiliary.....	3 50
Hampton, auxiliary.....	5 00	Cass & Berrien, Q. M., one-half each for H. and F. M.....	14 87
Laconia, auxiliary, L. M. of Mrs. W. H. Hartshorn.....	20 00	Hillsdale Q. M. auxiliary.....	38 98
Laconia, Miss. Band for Ragged School at Midnapore, and on L. M. of Miss M. M. Rowe	6 00	H. and W. River Q. M.....	6 45
Laconia, Mrs. Malvern's S. S. for Miss Butts.....	5 00	Paw Paw, Mrs. E. N. Douglass, for Chandbali	2 00
Littleton, church collection at Miss. meeting, one-half each for Mrs. Lightner and Miss Butts.....	5 25	Riley Center, church, for F. M. Sanilac, Q. M. auxiliary, for F. M.....	2 55
North Nottingham, auxiliary, for general work.....	5 00	Waverly, children of church, for Miss I. Phillips.....	2 22
Rochester, auxiliary, for school with Mrs. Smith, \$10.00, for Mrs. Lightner's salary, \$5.00	15 00		1 55
VERMONT.			
Corinth, Q. M. collection for Mrs. Smith's salary.....	3 68	IOWA.	
East Orange, auxiliary, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....	4 00	Horton, church, for F. M.....	93
Newport Center, L. L. Sowles, for Millie Sowles, with Mrs. Smith	5 00	Tripoli, church, for F. M.....	7 37
St. Johnsbury, church, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....	10 00	Waterloo, auxiliary, for Home work	22 05
Stanstead, Q. M. collection, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....	4 00		
Sutton, church, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....	8 00	MINNESOTA.	
West Topsham, auxiliary, for Mrs. Smith's salary	5 00	Champlin, S. S., for Miss I. Phillips' salary	5 00
MASSACHUSETTS.			
Brockton, Mrs. Bradbury, \$2.50		Huntley, auxiliary, for home work.....	14 52
		Minneapolis, a uxiliary, for Chandbali.....	15 00
Total.....			
			\$489 67
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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES.

THE Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society convened in annual session, in response to call, in the vestry of the Free Baptist church in Portland, Me., Oct. 12, at ten o'clock A. M.

Mrs. J. B. Davis in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Wade of Maine. During the reading of the records, an invitation was received from the Education Society, that this society be adjourned, to listen to the address being delivered before that body.

A motion was received to adjourn, to re-assemble at close of the address, and was so voted.

Adjourned meeting.

The society assembled according to adjournment. The reading of the records was continued, and those of the last meeting approved. The records of the Board of Managers for the year were also read. A committee of five, on Nomination, was appointed by the chair. Committee: Mrs. Hills of New Hampshire, Mrs. Osgood of Maine, Mrs. Gerrish of New Hampshire, Mrs. Durgin of Maine, Mrs. Wood of New Hampshire.

It was *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a by-law relative to overplus of funds. Committee: Miss DeMeritte, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Porter. The report of the treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was presented, and was adopted.

Mrs. E. H. Andrews presented her report as agent of the

MISSIONARY HELPER, which showed an improved financial condition over last year. The report was adopted. Adjourned to meet at close of the public meeting. Prayer by Mrs. V. G. Ramsey.

Anniversary.

The anniversary meeting was held in the audience room of the church, at half-past two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The devotional exercises were opened by singing the hymn, "On the mountain's top appearing." Prayer was offered by Mrs. F. L. Durgin of Maine. The report of the corresponding secretary was read by Mrs. G. C. Waterman. The treasurer made a brief verbal report of the financial condition of the society. Mrs. Ramsey, the home secretary, reported in brief from her full report presented to the board. She spoke especially of the vigor with which the Western work has been prosecuted. The congregation then joined in singing the hymn, "Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun." Mrs. Dr. Phillips was introduced, and spoke upon the theme, "Crises and Customs." She said: "No motto outside of the inspired volume has stirred women like the one 'Woman's work for woman.' To-day a crisis is upon us,—a crisis in the church. What," she asked, "are you doing about it?" A most earnest plea was made for the twenty-one millions of India's widows, and her seventy-eight thousands of child-widows. Mrs. E. S. Burlingame was the next speaker. She impressed the thought of the Fatherhood of God, and our consequent responsibility towards our brothers and sisters of a common Father. A thought which she especially enforced, was the fear that in some instances more harm is being done by the importation of intoxicating liquors into heathen lands, than good is being accomplished by missionary labor. Mrs. E. H. Andrews, agent of the MISSIONARY HELPER, called attention to the magazine, and also to "Missionary Reminiscences."

Mrs. F. L. Durgin presented the interests of the Woman's Bureau at Ocean Park, particularly with reference to the pur-

chase of the Lowell House. She was followed by Rev. J. M. Lowden, who spoke earnestly in behalf of the woman's work there, and closed by making a pledge of five dollars, others following with remarks. Rev. Mr. Lowden then stepped to the platform, and called for pledges. The Ocean Park committee on Public Meetings pledged twenty-five dollars. Pledges were received to the amount of ninety-two dollars. The exercises were closed with the benediction, by Rev. Lowden.

The society met at close of the public meeting, according to adjournment, and adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday morning.

The society met at the hour to which adjournment was made. Mrs. Hills offered prayer. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved. The committee on nominations submitted their report, which was accepted, and officers for the ensuing year elected. (See page 2 of report.) Greetings were received from Mrs. A. J. Marshall, with expression of thanks for past kindness to herself, while wishing the society Godspeed in its noble work.

Voted, That the corresponding secretary respond to the expression received.

Mrs. Ramsey stated that Mrs. Noyes, one of our first missionaries, was still living, although so long a time has passed since any communication has been received from her. Mrs. Hills moved that the corresponding secretary write to her, expressing our kindly remembrance, and requesting that she write to us of herself and her continued interest in our work. It was sustained, and so voted.

Miss Ida Phillips, our returned missionary, was introduced, and, although suffering from a slight indisposition, so that it was not prudent for her to address the society, opportunity was given to shake hands with her, and a most cordial greeting was extended to her whom we were so delighted to have with us.

Mrs. Burlingame presented the matter of missionary concerts,

in the light of its being one of the important measures by which we approach union of work of the mission societies.

The chairman of the committee on By-law on Over-plus of Funds reported the following, with statements recommending that the same be not adopted at this time, as the meeting was so small :—

“All money received by the treasurer, in excess of the yearly appropriations for the different departments of work, and also in excess of the sum required for outfit and passage of missionaries, shall be used for the General Fund of the society.”

A motion was received and sustained, that the report be accepted, and the adoption of the by-law be deferred until the next annual meeting of the society. A letter from the president of the Woman’s Mission Society of the Christian denomination was read.

Voted, That the corresponding secretary answer the communication from the ladies of the Christian Baptist Woman’s Mission Society, expressing the wish that we may have a closer relation to each other than now exists, and asking them to suggest, if it seems desirable to them, some practical method by which this idea can be carried out.

The report of the Western home secretary was read, and was accepted by vote.

Voted, That the following-named ladies be the committee on Western Home Missions for the ensuing year : Mrs. H. C. Keith, Mrs. H. J. G. Croswell, Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Mrs. A. J. Marshall, Mrs. J. L. Tourtellot.

It was voted that the following resolutions be adopted :—

Resolved, That we advise every auxiliary to at once make arrangements for co-operating with the pastors and churches, in establishing missionary concerts at regular intervals in all our churches.

Resolved, That, in churches where there are no auxiliaries, the women be earnestly requested to unite their efforts in the same manner, and for the same purpose.

Voted, That the copy of the reports be put into the hands of Miss Ella Evans, for revising and preparing for printing as usual.

Adjourned to call of secretary. Prayer by Mrs. H. F. Wood.
A. B. TOURTELLOT, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY.

INDIA.

MIDNAPORE.—ZENANAS AND SCHOOLS.

Miss Coombs writes :—

“ You will see by the financial report that we have an unusually large balance on hand ; but we have but one horse at present, and propose to buy another, as soon as a fitting opportunity presents itself. Our greatest lack just now is suitable persons for the work. Two of our teachers have married, and gone to other stations with their husbands, while others are kept at home by maternal cares ; so that our working force is smaller at present than for some time past. But we hope this will right itself within a few months. The number of pupils is about the same as last year. Some new houses have been opened, but, as old ones have been closed, there has been no perceptible increase. Still, the work loses none of its interest or encouraging features.

“ We received, at Christmas time, Rs. 20, from the magistrate of Midnapore, for the library ; and this we propose to expend as fast as we can hear of new publications or translations. Bengali Christian literature is not as abundant as one could wish. There are but two Bible women in the outside stations connected with Midnapore, as the one who was at Palasbani

has moved into Midnapore, and is working here. The one at Babaigadia sends especially interesting reports of her work. In her last month's report, she states that a company of ten or twelve, who were planning a pilgrimage to Juggernaut, yielded to her persuasions, and gave up the intended journey.

"At present, there are but fifteen ragged schools, two having been closed during the year,—one on account of the teacher's moving away, and the other because of a complaint that our school was drawing from other schools. As these ragged schools are for those children only who would otherwise have no advantages, we want no pupils drawn from other schools. I am hoping, however, to open one in another part of the city. There are plenty of applications, but funds are lacking. Were I at liberty to give more attention to this branch of work, I would send in a petition for a larger appropriation this year; but, as it is, think I will wait till my time is not so fully occupied. The appropriation by the Woman's Board for these schools pays about two-thirds of the expenses. Then we get a little help from the government, and sometimes a "special" through the parent board's remittance. I am sorry to report that the close of this year finds us in debt to quite an extent.

"The English school for girls is steadily growing. There are now nine Hindoo and eight Christian girls. We are fortunate in being able to retain Miss Smith as English teacher in this school; and the teacher in Bengali is also doing excellent service. There was a time during the year when there was danger of our being obliged to give it up, on account of Miss Smith's failing health, and the difficulty of finding any one to take her place; but, by giving a vacation for a short time, and teaching myself till she became stronger, it is still in operation, and bids fair to be a strong influence for good.

"Since Mrs. Bacheler's return, Miss Smith has greatly lightened my cares. She has taken the children's meeting, goes to the zenanas as often as possible, and has the care of the unmarried

teachers in their compound, besides numberless little lifts that only a devoted, unselfish heart knows how to give.

"I still give two hours a day to the study of Bengali, though the prescribed course should have been finished ere this; but other pressing duties have obliged me, for months, to give up my study hours. I shall probably finish this year; though, indeed, I might go on indefinitely, as far as becoming a fluent speaker is concerned."

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED IN ZENANA WORK, FROM JULY 1, 1886, TO JULY 1, 1887.

DR.	Rs.	A.	P.	CR.	Rs.	A.	P.
To balance in hand July 1, 1886.	9	14	3	By repairs on stable.....	10		
" Gov't grant-in-aid	600			" Horses' feed.....	150	15	6
" Woman's Society.....	559	1	9	" Syces.....	95		
" Remittance for Bina Hatch.	84	14	6	" Tax on horses and car-	9		
" " " Kuni.....	68	15	3	riages.....	1		
" " " Poddie.....	54	15	6	" Bullock garries, hired...	29		
" " " Paka Dale...	35	11	3	" Repairs, shoeing horses,	5		
" Share of horse sold.....	85			oil, etc.....	5	13	9
" Rec'd from English school,				" Teachers.....	75	11	6
for use of carriage.....	44			" Bible women	14	10	
" Subscriptions from ladies in				" Sundries	13		3
Midnapore	95			" Bal. in hand July 1, 1887	13	8	9
" Fees for teaching.....	29		3	Total	1666	8	9
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Our new missionary, Miss Butts, having been so short a time in the country, no official report was expected from her. Her many friends, however, will be glad to have a few items from her pen. Under date of Aug. 18, she writes:—

"I have, as yet, little regular work besides the study of Bengali. Five days in the week, I have a pundit, from seven to half-past eight in the morning. Then, from nine to ten, I have a class of eight young men from the Bible school, who recite to me in English. Of course I must spend some time daily, preparing for this class. They are beginning in English, and explanations must be made in Bengali chiefly. All the English they read I previously translate with my pundit into Bengali. At one o'clock P. M., I have another pundit, for an hour and a

half, thus spending three hours daily, five days in the week, with a native teacher. One would naturally expect me to be learning rapidly, but this is not the case. This language seems at least three times as hard as either French or German ; and the books we have to study are by no means as helpful as those we have for the study of European languages. They tell me, that, after the first year, the language will not seem so difficult. It takes a long time to get familiar with more than one hundred different characters, which are used in Bengali words. There are fifty single letters, and as many more combinations, which are entirely different in form from the letters composing them. After the school closes, I am going to try to get into a native family for a few months. There is one Christian family in the town, who live quite like Europeans, eating together at a well-served table, etc. They are well-educated people, the father, who speaks English freely, having a good position in government service. I hope they will allow me to board with them.

“ Nearly every day, I spend half an hour or more in teaching the Bengali primer to the wife of one of my ‘ boys ’ in the English class. At the beginning of the year, she came here from a Santal country village. She had been a Christian but a short time, and had never learned anything from books. The Bengali is a new language to her. She is an interesting girl, about sixteen years of age, and is so eager to learn that it is a real pleasure to teach her. Evidently she never held a needle in her hand until I gave her one. Now, though we have a sewing class but once a week, she can sew and stitch quite neatly. Mrs. H. M. Bachelier and I assist Miss Coombs in this class. A number of the women who have small children come to this class. So here is a baby asleep on a mat like a kitten, and there is a mother tending her baby and trying to sew at the same time. In the school-room, also, a mother is trying to keep her baby quiet, while she writes her spelling lesson, or performs an example on her slate.

"Each Wednesday, the hour before the sewing lesson is devoted to the woman's prayer-meeting. At the meeting previous to the Sabbath on which the communion service is held, it is customary for the women to speak of their experiences during the month. At the last meeting of this kind, all were much moved by the confession of one of the zenana teachers. She is a dear girl, but, like some in our home churches, has a quick temper and a sharp tongue. (Notwithstanding their social status, the Hindoo women maintain the right of 'freedom of speech.') This woman had had some difficulty with another zenana teacher, and sharp words were spoken. But her confession was so humble, that all felt she had been having a real heart experience. Among other things, she said: 'The worst of it all was, that, while I felt so toward my sister, I could not pray; and, oh, it was such a loss!'

"Last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the Midnapore Quarterly Meeting was held here. Saturday afternoon, at the missionary meeting, Miss Coombs read an essay in Bengali. Its subject was, 'What is Christianity doing for the women of India?' Sunday, there was the usual prayer-meeting from 7 to 8, after which the Sunday-school was held. Then at 10.30 there was a Santal service in the school-house. In the afternoon, 'Sachi,' one of the most promising young men ever connected with the mission, was ordained. Mr. Burkholder preached the sermon, Dr. Bacheler made the ordaining prayer, and Jacob, our native pastor, gave the hand of fellowship. May many prayers be offered for these young native Christians. If they are only faithful and courageous, they can do far more for their countrymen than can we. People at home little know what it means to a Hindoo, to leave his people and become a Christian."

BALASORE.—ZENANAS.

Miss Hattie Phillips reports:—

"The number of pupils during the year is 240. The largest number on the roll at any one time, 147. This gives a gain of

about twenty per cent. over last year. The number of teachers has averaged just ten. I am both glad and sorry to note that a very large per cent. of those who ask for instruction are of the poorer class, while the remaining fraction belongs to the middle rather than to the wealthy class. I am glad, because there is more simplicity, sincerity, and a more teachable spirit, among the poor. I am sorry, because I know the great need for the entrance of the truth into these houses of squalid wealth. The leisure and wealth of this class put education within comparatively easy reach ; but, as a rule, they only wish to learn enough to be able to read their own impure shastras, and to do fancy work. When these limitations are insisted upon, of course I can not take them as pupils.

“ My most interesting pupils, I am glad to say, are among those who have been longest under instruction. I have been greatly interested, of late, to find two or three who have said, in effect : ‘ I am growing old, and it does not matter if I do not learn anything more of numbers ; but I want you to teach me about religion, and the way to find God and peace.’ One pupil recently told me, that, as a child in her father’s house in Calcutta, she used to attend a mission school, where she was taught to pray. She has kept it up all her life, and says she never feels satisfied to begin a day without prayer. I urged upon her the necessity of teaching the same to her children, and she has been doing it for several months. Her little group of five children, with their habitual and cheerful obedience to their mother, and their delight in each other, forms the most interesting native family of my acquaintance. This case gives me great hope for the dear children in my Hindoo Sabbath school, numbers of whom tell me that they pray twice daily, besides giving thanks when they eat.

“ The superintendence of our Christian Sunday-school still remains in my hands. We have had great reason for gratitude in the—as we trust—conversion of nineteen members of the school during the year. The teachers’ meetings, held most of

the year on Saturday mornings, continue, with an average attendance of about twenty. We follow the International lessons with great interest and profit. The size of the school has been materially increased by bringing in a large number of the little ones. Children's meetings are held on Saturday, by my sister and myself, their chief object being to make more effective the Sabbath, and to cultivate a spirit of generosity and helpfulness. I record with profound gratitude that funds to meet all the necessities of my work during the year, have been received.

"The one event that stands out most prominently is the cyclone of May 25, that paid us a rude and unwelcome visit. Its chief effect upon our work, however, has been to increase the amount for repairs, and to decrease—only temporarily, I trust—our number of pupils."

BALASORE.

MONEYS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM JUNE 30, 1886, TO JUNE 30, 1887.

Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.	Rs.	A.	P.
To teachers' salaries	519	3	2	By balance in hand	299	6	1
" Locomotion.....	248	14	3	" Woman's Society.....	140	11	3
" Repairs on garry house	25	3		" Gov't grant-in-aid.....	300		
" 9 school benches ..	39	8	3	" Special grant.....	100		
" Normal class teacher..	16	8		" Local subscription.....	274		
" Collecting local sub... ..	5			" Fees from pupils	59	7	2½
" Prizes, etc.....	5	8	2	" Net sales of wool.....	6		
" Mrs. Griffin's work... ..	68	11	3	" Sale of mounted ferns.....	25		
" Miss I. O. Phillips' work	125			" " doors to old house..	15		
" Balance in hand.....	210	10	1½	" N. M. Phillips.....	35		
Total	1264	1	2½	" Interest on Rs. 300	9		
				Total	1264	1	2½

BALASORE GIRLS' SCHOOL.—NEW WORK.

Report of Miss Ida Phillips:—

"Six months ago, a new school was opened, some five miles from town, in a place where, so far as I know, nothing had ever been done for women and girls. The village is quite a large one, composed chiefly of the homes of 'well-to-do' farmers and small traders. A leading man of the place, a Brahmin,

asked for the school, and has furnished a small house for present use, and now has a kiln of bricks burned for building a new house, which is to be large enough to accommodate twice the present number of pupils. The school numbers thirty pupils, with an average attendance of twenty-five. The children are bright, but have been wild, and hard to keep in order. When I first went, they regarded me with absolute terror. The open front of the house was completely filled with men, girls, and boys, who came to see the sight. A side door was equally packed with women's faces. Picture books, Bible stories, card prizes for attendance, and easy conversation, have had their effect; and we are now, I trust, very good friends. A new Sabbath school was opened last year, in the school for low-caste children. The children—and often, also, their mothers, who come in from work to look and listen—have a real interest in Bible teaching, and were much pleased with the idea of a Sunday service.

"Some months since, I invited the three Hindoo young men who teach in my town schools, to spend an hour each Sunday in Bible study. They seemed glad of the opportunity, and with them has come the head master of the Mission Boys' School. One of them openly declares his belief in Christ as our only Saviour, and says that he prays daily. I do hope he may be remembered in the prayers of those who are interested in the work.

"Our new school-house has *been built chiefly with funds contributed by ladies of the church at Grand Ledge, Mich. The number of pupils has increased, and the school is much better managed and taught than when in the old, crowded, ill-ventilated quarters. The children themselves have bought good mats to take the place of benches.

PROGRESS.

"An upper primary class has been opened in the largest school. This is a higher grade than has before been attempted

in any of my Hindoo girls' schools. It is very difficult to keep the girls in school long enough to prepare them for the upper primary examination. No Hindoo girl in this district has ever, as yet, passed this grade. The Sunday-schools continue to be the most interesting part of the work. The good attendance and attention, particularly noticeable among the older girls, is very encouraging. I can not believe that these children are to be idolaters. Their interest in the life and works of Christ is always fresh. They will surely exert a great influence in favor of Christianity.

"Work among Christian children has been particularly interesting. Not less than nineteen of the Sunday-school scholars have been baptized, and some of them show very plainly, by their lives, their decided change of heart. The children's mission and temperance bands are in my care. The former contributed quite generously to help buy cloths for the poor at Christmas time. The children have now decided to join with a band in Rochester, Wis., and support a school teacher here.

FINANCE.

"From the District Primary Fund a grant of Rs. 60 for the year has been sanctioned for the new school; and, from the same fund, Rs. 70 have been sent in as a donation for general use in all the schools. The bands which have sent special contributions from home, and friends in this country who have kindly helped the work by donations, will please accept my hearty thanks."

MISS I. O. PHILLIPS, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF U. S. A.

	CR.			DR.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
By gov't aid 9 months				270		
" Woman's appropriation, 1 year				686		1
" Municipality for 10 months				120		
" Donation from Primary Fund				70		
" Primary grant 2 months				10		
" Industrial work sold				21	15	
" Books				46	9	3½
" Prizes				58	6	3
" Bowdoinham band				16	8	
" Jubilee fund for clothing				15		
" Special donation				26	8	
" Sanitary primers				204	13	
To teachers for 10 months	826					
" Conveyances	175	14	3			
" Furniture	7	11	¾			
" Chapel school, 4 months	40					
" Buildings	45	1	2			
" Material for industrial department	18	3	3½			
" Prizes	105	11	2			
" Books	26	12				
" Sundries	11	5				
" Cloths for poor children at Jubilee	15					
" Sanitary primers	262	15				
Balance	1,534	10	2½	1,545	12	3½
	11	2	1¼			
	1,545	12	3½	1,545	12	3½

BALASORE.—THE GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Smith writes :—

" The children attend the day-school, about one-half mile distant, and are doing well in their classes. The religious interest among them has increased, and four have been added to the church by baptism recently. The matron we have now takes great interest in them. Altogether, we have reason for devout thankfulness for the prosperity that has attended the institution the past year. One girl was married, in December, to a worthy young man, and seems very happy in her new home. One has returned to her mother, whose sons have grown up so

as to be able to support the family. Several have been added to the orphanage. Rachel Dassi is still in Calcutta, pursuing her English course, and, as her teacher says, is doing 'remarkably well.' I have often wished she could go to America for a medical education, and lately this desire has so increased that it has become a subject of prayer. If it is best for her, and, through her, for her country-women, it will become possible; so we commit this desire of our heart to the Father, and rest in him.

SCHOOLS.

"The Upper Primary Mission Girls' School in Balasore, hitherto in charge of Miss Ida Phillips, was made over to me at the beginning of the year, and the girls from the orphanage added to it. The head teacher from the Jellasore school was put in charge, and a middle vernacular class formed, making the school the highest grade in the vernacular. The attendance has been good. The number on the roll is sixty. The progress on the whole is satisfactory. Only Christian teachers are employed, and great care is taken in the selection of these, so that a good religious influence may be exerted over the pupils. In connection with this school is an industrial department, in which the children are required to spend some part of each day in learning to work. Since the arrival of the missionaries from New Brunswick, Mrs. Boyer has aided in teaching the children, and for her very efficient services I feel truly thankful.

"The Jellasore Mission School is still in my charge, as well as all the women's work for that station. It is now a boys' school, including both Christian and Hindoo children. There is a separate department for girls, taught by one of the graduates from the normal class in Jellasore. There are five girls' schools in and around Jellasore, that have an aggregate of ninety pupils. In all these, plain needlework is taught, and such studies as are included in the government course of schools of this class.

Christian instruction is also imparted. Living remote from Jellasore, I have been able to visit them less frequently than formerly ; still, I can see very commendable progress. It is a cause for thankfulness that so many little girls go out from their Hindoo homes able to read and write.

“ There are now in the orphanage ten girls supported by the funds sent by the Woman’s Society to me. Some of these have been here for the year, others for a shorter time. The youngest, six months old, is supported by East Otisfield Band. All are neglected orphans, or fatherless. I do think God finds a way in which to provide for these poor neglected children. One of my older girls died on Monday, from the bite of a cobra. She was with a family in the Christian village, and carelessly went into a dark room, without a light. On coming out, she said, ‘Something has bitten me.’ The family took her to a physician, but nothing could be done for her. In less than an hour she died. This sudden death—and from a cause so dreadful—causes us to feel that what we do must be quickly done. She had been rather quarrelsome among the children, and I sent her to this good family, hoping, where there were fewer to mingle with, she would learn to control her temper. The woman told me that, a few days before her death, she said to her, ‘I want to go and see my mamma, and she will ask me if I have been a better girl, and I can tell her I have.’ There was real improvement for some weeks before her death. How forcibly the question comes to us after one is gone, ‘ Have we done all we could?’

“ Most of the children are a source of great satisfaction, and among them all there has been no case requiring stringent discipline. Neither have there been any cases of serious illness since the death of dear little Gracie. The five girls’ schools and the Bible women at Jellasore require a great deal of looking after. Then there is one woman and an assistant at Berekapadda, another at Bhadrak, and two here. These, with the

charge of the Christian day-school, looking after repairs on the house, and the care of my family, keep me pretty busy, but I long to get out more among the people in the Hindoo villages. We have plenty of evidence that God's Word is taking hold of the hearts of the people. If it can find its way into the hearts of the women, India will soon be brought to Christ. One woman, who has been a regular attendant of the prayer-meeting in Putna bazaar, recently died, leaving good ground to hope she died believing in Christ."

ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FROM JULY 1, 1886,
TO JUNE 30, 1887.

RECEIPTS.	CR.			DR.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
From Woman's Board.....				1,150	7	9
" New Brunswick Board				424	11	9
" Miss I. O. Phillips.....				42		
" Rev. M. J. Coldren				24		
" Dr. Zarabron, from Jubilee Fund.....				16		
" J. Marraru, Esq.....				4		
" Books, papers, and prizes.....				57		
" Government grant-in-aid.....				324		
				2,042	3	6
EXPENDITURE.						
Paid teachers' salaries	760					
" Mrs. Martyn's salary for 4 months.....	220					
" Native help in Industrial School.....	180					
" Support of girls in orphanage	180	6	9			
" Help to poor children in Jellasore school...	36					
" Cyclone repairs.....	57					
" Books, papers, and prizes	84	5				
" Carriage hire.....	146	10	3			
Last year's balance	19		4			
				1,683	6	4
Balance on hand.....				358	13	2

JESSIE B. HOOPER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF U. S. A.

RECEIPTS.	CR.			DR.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Per Miss H. P. Phillips.....				130	2	3
" Government grant-in-aid for 3 months.....				90		
" Municipal aid for 2 months.....				24		
" Books sold.....				1	14	6
" " " sanitary primers.....					12	6
" Industrial work.....				1		
				247	13	3
EXPENDITURES.						
Paid teachers for May and June.....	188					
" Conveyance	39	2	6			
" Repairs on school-house.....	3	6				
" School books.....	2	4				
	232			232	12	6
Balance on hand.....				15		9

BHIMPORE.

Mrs. Burkholder says :—

“ I hardly know what we should do without the aid the ladies are able to send us. Our schools have been larger this year than ever before, and the usual number of Bible readers, both here and at our western church, have been employed. For a number of months, I have had a daily Bible class for the women, so that they may be the better prepared for their work. There are thirty or more villages within reach of us, which are regularly visited. We look hopefully to the future, when the seed now being sown will bring forth fruit.

“ Our greatest trouble here is the utter indifference of the people with regard to their future. The present wants of the body are all that seem to occupy their attention. What we need more than all else, is the power of God to awaken them out of their sleep. Oh, that the church could be revived ! then

we might have greater hope of seeing the heathen turn to the 'Fountain of Life.' Would that our people at home might pray for this field as never before !

"Two of our girls, one belonging to a heathen family, have passed the government examination. One of these has since married a pundit of the normal school, and both have this year entered the Bible school. By degrees, our older girls are leaving us. One was taken, last October, to be the wife of a young man of our village. This was done in true Santal fashion. The mode of securing his bride, however, dates back to the time of the Judges of Israel, being the plan adopted by the Benjaminites, when there was a scarcity of wives among them.

"The Sabbath afternoon children's meeting has, this year, grown into three classes, conducted by three of our young men. Quite a number of the children have, during the year, been gathered into the church. While one boy, whom we hoped would become a useful man, has gone to the bad, five others, who were in heathen darkness when we came here, have now entered the Bible school. May the strong arm of our Father guard them from all sin. It is a very pleasing sight, in our mud chapel, on the first Sabbath of each month, just before the Lord's Supper, as the church roll is called by the treasurer, to see the little ones led up by the parents, each bringing his offering. Though it may be but a single *pice*, the habit thus formed is of far greater value than the money brought. We are intending to take the children's mites, with such other contributions as can be secured, and purchase a communion set, to take the place of the pewter dishes we now use."

MRS. THOS. W. BURKHOLDER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

			DR.			CR.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1886								
Oct. 31	To cash from Mr. Sykes		156	15	6			
1887.								
Jan. 31	" " "		108	2				
May 31	" " "		125	13	9			
July 31	" " "		114	8				
" "	By salaries of 5 pundits					258		
" "	" " " Mallika.....					18		
" "	" " " Carrie.....					18		
" "	" " " Tara.....					9		
" "	" " " Sunjie					13	8	
" "	" " " Subudra.....					6		
" "	" " " Lailuirie					18		
" "	" " " Asu.....					6		
" "	" " " two women.....					36		
" "	" " " Rasmomie.....					12		
" "	" " " seventy-five children....					110	15	3
			505	7	3	505	7	3

STORER COLLEGE, HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Brackett writes :—

“ ‘That alone ought to make you feel paid for all your trouble about the sewing class,’ said one of the teachers to me, last anniversary day. We were commenting upon the dress worn by one of the young ladies, which was cut and made entirely by herself, not without considerable night work, as I afterwards learned. It was just such a dress as good taste would deem fitting for a school-girl,—soft and unobtrusive in tint and texture, and brightened at throat and wrist by a bit of pretty velvet. Though very simply made, the feat will be appreciated by those who have performed such a task, as well as by those who have never had the courage to undertake it. The girl of thirty years ago, who took no credit to herself for making her own dress, must remember that dresses then were very different affairs from the simplest of the costumes of to-day.

“ Relating the fact concerning the dress to some former

pupils at their parting call the next day, one of them, the wife of one of our most popular preachers, said that she had always intended to tell me some of her experience, of the benefit she had derived from what she had learned in the sewing class. While she was in Providence, studying a part of the time, she became acquainted with a dressmaker, who, learning how well she made button-holes, had her do them in the best dresses made in her shop, and procured for her all the work of that kind for which she had time. This was a real help to her, for which she was very grateful.

"May the encouragement that has come to us through these and similar incidents, inspire to continued efforts our generous supporters all over the country.

"Allow me to add a few words of thanks to the society, for the services, in June, of Mrs. Annie S. D. Bates. There is no more pressing need, at the present time, in the work South, than just the service *she* can render,—visiting the homes, talking with the mothers and young people, pointing out the way to school, the path away from vice, holding public meetings when necessary, doing, in her ripened years, with her rare discretion and her acquaintance with the people and customs of the country, much that preachers and teachers could not do, if they would; in fact, what almost no other person could do.

"More than a score of years of earnest, prayerful endeavor has shown that something more than the ordinary methods is needed to correct the impression, too prevalent among the people, that following Christ is worship alone,—an error forced upon them by the terrible institution, which had no use for his example or his teachings, except those that could be made to bear directly upon the relation of servant to master.

"That the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society may have the means to keep in the field the right woman for such work as I have named, let every patriot, every lover of pure and undefiled religion, devoutly, earnestly pray and work."

REPORT OF MRS. LIGHTNER.

“Standing on the threshold of a new school year, one feels a certain awe about entering, and is oppressed by a heavy sense of responsibility. A little later, under the inspiration of actual service, these misgivings will vanish. Judging of the future by the past, our school work will be pleasant, and the result gratifying. Thanks to the Woman’s Missionary Society, all the inmates of Myrtle Hall can be made comfortable. If they bring only the raw material with which to feed themselves, we are able, through the society, to furnish a most convenient kitchen, a heated range, and, if needed, instruction in preparing their food; also a study room warmed and lighted, the services of a matron, and instruction in the industrial department. To these advantages are added a remission of one-third of the regular tuition and room rent. However cold the weather, or wild the storm, we know that the inmates of Myrtle Hall are comfortable. As many of the pupils are able to furnish fuel in their private rooms, and take their meals at one of the boarding-houses, the kitchen and study are not over-crowded.

“It was during a brief but pleasant visit from the treasurer of the Woman’s Society that the question was asked, ‘How much above what is furnished by the society does a girl need to support herself per week?’ I invited our guest upstairs, to the Silas Curtis room, and introduced her to one who was supporting herself for the third year in school. The question was repeated, and this was the reply: ‘It is so little that I am ashamed to tell you.’ This girl found her heaviest bills in clothing and traveling expenses, as she was obliged, each summer, to go North for employment.

“More and more is it impressed upon our minds that the people in our churches, through this pleasant valley, are not reached as they should be. From many of our teachers, the reports are depressing. Where is there more urgent need of a lady missionary? A woman like Mrs. Bates, well supported,

would find work, and do it promptly and well. She would bring large experience, and a heart devoted to mission service.

"I must not forget to mention that in 'Dexter Library,' for the use of the occupants of Myrtle Hall, Mrs. Tourtellot has placed a complete Chautauqua set, including the magazine for three years."

Miss Franklin says:—

"Not less favorable than that of preceding years, is the report we bring to you of the one just passed. Marvelous to the world at large, was the manner in which the colored people flocked to the doors of learning, at the close of the war. The reaction which some wise (?) pessimists claimed would follow, when the majority would return to the condition of ignorance which had been their normal one for many generations, has never come. Who so eager, to-day, to unroll the scroll of learning, as the 'negro?' Who so capable of self-sacrifice to attain this desired end? Sacrifices sometimes leak out, that are so wonderful, so far beyond anything ordinarily conceived of, that, when they come to our ears, we bow our heads in involuntary reverence, before the story of a heroism that seems too sublime to be real, and none the less so because of its sometimes emanating from a most unexpected quarter. Observing, during my service in Storer, the upward struggles of those around me, has convinced me that, despite its great legacy of ignorance, superstition, woe, and misery, I had rather be among the 'sinned against,' than with the 'sinning.' 'I believe slavery was wrong,' has been the frank acknowledgement of many an ex-slaveholder. The proof of what the ex-slave can and will do for himself, should wrest that acknowledgement from all.

"The truth grows plainer, with each year, that, the more this school can embrace, aside from the set branches of study, the better. When a mother, who is obliged to spend much of her time from home in laboring for the support of her children, finds that, even in that home, her daughter may be led into for-

bidden paths through evil influences, and, as a safeguard, brings her here, how quickly does the desire to shield and protect spring up in our hearts. Then, when some older girl, who, perhaps, has spent her life in service, 'drops in' and seeks to influence others in self-will and wrong-doing, an opportunity presents itself to teach, as perhaps no loving father or mother has ever done, the good and evil effects of social influence. And so, not at any set period, but as often as it is deemed desirable, some one of the teachers will have a familiar talk with the girls, on some subject of practical importance. Health talks, talks upon morality and kindred subjects, are given the young men by the male teachers. To encourage neatness and care in the order of their rooms, small rewards are to be given to the girls next year. Unmistakable progress in self-discipline, and a sort of personal pride in general good order, as evinced by numbers of the pupils, show that our labors are not without their visible reward.

"During the revival, both young men and women worked like well-trained missionaries, for the conversion of souls. We could not be too thankful in welcoming to the 'fold' those who had for years withheld the prayers and entreaties of anxious friends.

"Our graduating class, at the last anniversary, numbered nineteen. Perhaps our greatest need, at the present, is a well-equipped industrial department. The De Wolf Fund sets it on a somewhat substantial footing. Who will make it entirely substantial? A skillful hand, as well as a cultivated brain, is the crying need of the hour. You who have faith in our labors, remember that, for our progress, faith and works must join hands. Multiply in our behalf your prayers and offerings. Make the school what it can be, an honor and blessing both to the church and the world. And, especially, make the coming year one of unusual prosperity."

RETURN OF MISS PHILLIPS.

Many will be glad to welcome "the children's missionary," Miss Ida O. Phillips, to her native land. After ten years of earnest, successful service, the rest she seeks has surely been well earned. Though her presence among the home churches will doubtless prove an inspiration, let us remember, what some of us are too liable to forget, that the object of her return is the recuperation of mind and body; and that object can not be attained, if her furlough is spent in overtaxing her energies by yielding to repeated solicitations for service at home.

MISS BACHELER.

Miss Mary Bacheler is still pursuing her medical studies with increasing interest and zeal. When she again takes up her cherished life-work, no one can doubt that the loss to the mission during her years of absence will be more than compensated by the discipline and added knowledge which these years of earnest study have given her.

GRATITUDE.

And now, as we close the record of the past, and prepare to take another forward step, grateful indeed should we be for the loving, guiding Power that has so evidently "thus far" led us; grateful for the warm hearts and open hands that have enabled us to meet the obligations assumed, and carry out successfully the enlarged plans that were formed at our last annual gathering. And, as new responsibilities may be assumed, and, perchance, plans of yet greater magnitude formed, with renewed faith in Him whose servants we are, and whose work we seek to do, let us press hopefully forward, expecting "better things to follow."

MRS. J. A. LOWELL.

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, for New England.*]

Another year, with its blessed privileges and its heaven-appointed tasks, has gone into the past eternity. We do well to pause and inquire what report of our stewardship it has borne to the throne on high. And now, at our

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remembering the abundant mercies of our God, and the wants of a perishing world, let us pledge ourselves to greater zeal and labor in the future. Let us earnestly endeavor, not only to do our own part in the great work that lies before us, but to enlist those who are standing idle in the vineyard.

THE "HELPER."

Our magazine, the indispensable assistant in our work, still goes bravely on. Year by year we have seen it growing in strength and power for good, and we only regret that it does not reach a larger number, and that it has not a more abundant financial support.

THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE

reports that the work has not differed materially from that of previous years, though a slight general progress is noticed. A new and especial feature lies in the effort made to add to this department representative costumes of heathen people, for the use of our auxiliaries in their missionary meetings and entertainments. The work is not complete, but two missionary exercises are furnished, with costumes, and a collection of Hindoo and Mohammedan garments and curiosities just received from India.

There have been calls for missionary intelligence, several of

which were from the West; and in answer twenty-three articles have been sent out, and, we hope, profitably used by the auxiliaries. Several letters of great value have been received from India, and still there is pressing need of fresh news from the field. Persons in correspondence with the missionaries are requested to remember this drawer in the Bureau, and to forward to it whatever will be of use.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

We had hoped that this year every secretary would have learned her duty so well, and fulfilled it so promptly, that our reports would be perfect. We are disappointed, but not discouraged. We must still go on, hoping that the small service which would save us shame and perplexity may be given in the future.

MAINE.

MAINE WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. L. G. CLARK, LYMAN, ME.; SECRETARY, MRS. F. P. DURGIN, SANFORD, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Cumberland....	Mrs. A. Cobb, White Rock..	22	9	3	144	137	\$246 87
Otisfield	Mrs. E. H. Abbott, Bolster's Mills.....	14	5	4	93	14	93 29
Parsonsfield ...	Mrs. C. E. Tedford, Limerick	14	6	2	75	35	84 38
York County...	Mrs. A. B. Webber, North Berwick	15	9	5	113	100	175 45
	Total	65	29	14	425	286	\$599 99

This report shows an encouraging advance since last year.

MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ANNIE W. WHITE, BRUNSWICK, ME.; SECRETARY, MISS CLARA PURINTON, WEST BOWDOIN, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Anson	Mrs. Lydia Durrell.....	18					\$17 00
Farmington.....	Mrs. J. G. Butler, Farmington Falls, Me.....	23	3		23		*22 00
Bowdoin	Miss Fannie E. Fogg, Augusta, Me.....	32	6				
Edgecomb.....		11					†237 41
Waterville		14					
	Total	98	9		23		\$276 41

The secretary writes: "In June, I wrote to each of the secretaries of the Quarterly Meetings, asking them to obtain reports from the auxiliaries as early as August. These secretaries have reported that, with a very few exceptions, the auxiliaries pay no attention to their requests for reports."

Under these circumstances, the secretary is again forced to exhibit this want of a report.

PENOBSCOT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. HARDING, ELLSWORTH, ME.; SECRETARY, MRS. M. E. WADE, DOVER, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Aroostook	Mrs. Addie M. Childs, Fort Fairfield, Me.....	9	4	3			\$38 57
Ellsworth	Mrs. E. Harding, Ellsworth.	19	1				37 52
Exeter.....	Mrs. E. S. Tasker, Corinna..	21	4	2			75 10
Houlton		14					3 04
Montville		15					11 00
Prospect and Unity.....		12					128 61
Sebec	Mrs. G. F. Tasker, Atkinson	14	6	1			
Springfield		6					
	Yearly Meeting collection.....						14 74
	Total	110	15	6			\$308 58

* This is from the auxiliary at East Livermore, which is the only one that reports.

† This is gleaned from Miss DeMeritte's reports.

The secretary writes: "My report is incomplete, as many of the churches do not report. I think, however, as a Yearly Meeting, we are making some advance in interest in mission work. I am hoping and praying for larger results."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. B. MESERVEY, NEW HAMPTON, N. H.; SECRETARY, MRS. J. C. OSGOOD, SOUTH BERWICK, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
New Durham ..	Miss Ella Place, Center Strafford ..	23	10	4	199	76	\$228 32
Sandwich .....	.....	18	4	5	100	77	333 87
Weare	No report.....	12					32 28
Rockingham ..	Mrs. M. B. Hunt, Danville ..	14	9	3	181	140	338 28
Belknap	Mrs. D. H. Adams, Franklin Falls.....	14	3		65		191 58
Lisbon.....	Mrs. M. S. Waterman, Littleton.....	10	2	1	34		49 71
Wentworth	Not organized	5					
Wolfboro.....	"	12					33 00
	Yearly Meeting collection						36 43
	Total	108	28	13	579	293	\$1243 27

The secretary writes: "The increase of interest in our work is manifest in the increase of organizations, showing more than two hundred more members of auxiliaries than last year; also, four new bands, with a hundred new members. The women of New Hampshire are awaking to the importance of thorough organization for missionary work."

They are pledged, the present year, to support Mrs. Lightner and Miss Butts.

VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. G. M. PRESCOTT, LYNDON CENTER, VT.; SECRETARY, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON, VT.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Huntington....	Mrs. G. B. Clifford, Starksboro.....	12	5	1	43		\$60 00
Corinth.....	Mrs. C. Dickey, Washington	7	5	1	38	7	60 95
Strafford.....	Mrs. J. L. Barrett, South Strafford.....	3	2	1	20		42 34
Stanstead	Miss Fannie Moulton, Stanstead, P. Q.	5					61 15
Wheeler.....	Mrs. G. M. Prescott, Lyndon Center.....	18	6	3	88	29	246 29
Enosburg	Taken in collections.....	4					5 00
		49	18	6	189	36	19 00
							\$494 73

This report is most gratifying. The women of Vermont have not only redeemed their pledge to support Mrs. Smith, but they have helped materially in other work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

In this State, we have some of our most faithful and active laborers. We regret that they have no State organization, and consequently we have no report from them. Consulting the treasurer's report in the *HELPER*, we learn that, in the year ending Aug. 31, 1887, they have contributed to the treasury of this society \$394.55.

RHODE ISLAND.

RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. S. A. PORTER, BLACKSTONE, MASS.; SECRETARY, MISS ELLA EVANS, 261 WASHINGTON ST., PROVIDENCE.

Number of churches in association.....	24
Number of auxiliaries.....	17
Number of bands.....	8

Number of members in auxiliaries.....	508
Number of members in bands	300
Amount raised.....	\$1,123.53

At our last annual meeting, Oct. 27, 1886, by vote we made our financial year close Aug. 31, in order that our accounts might close at the same time as those of the denominational Woman's Society. The above receipts, therefore, cover eleven months' work. One auxiliary has been added to our list. We have held our quarterly conventions regularly, all of which have been well attended, and a good interest manifested. The work in general has been of a good character. We are working and hoping for better results in the future.

[*Miss Stockwell, for the interior.*]

OHIO.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. T. H. DRAKE, SOUTH NEW LYME; SECRETARY, MRS. S. J. WEED, COLEBROOK.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Ashtabula	Miss Frances Allison, Colebrook	10	4	1			\$49 71
Cleveland.....	Mrs. W. T. Latimer, Cleveland	4	1	1		30	105 51
Crawford .....	.....	4	2				25 30
Geauga and Portage.....	.....	3	1				6 05
Washington ...	Mrs. E. N. Owen, Lake Pleasant, Pa.....	6	6				91 01
	Q. M. collections						4 34
	Total	27	14	2		30	\$284 92

OHIO CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. J. C. SKIDMORE, WEST MANSFIELD; SECRETARY, MISS LAURA LANE, WEST MANSFIELD.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Harmony	Mrs. J. C. Skidmore, West Mansfield.....	6	2				\$29 70
Lorain.....	Mrs. Martha Rose, Kipton...	3	1				29 10
Marion	Mrs. J. A. Wolford, Marion...	22	6	1			172 28
Richland and Licking.....	Mrs. Phœbe Richardson, Alexandria	3	1				26 18
Seneca and Huron	*	6					9 05
	Total	26	10	1			\$266 31

OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. J. L. CARR, JACKSON; SECRETARY, MRS. THULA HOOPER, ATHENS.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Athens	Mrs. Lizzie Dutton, Downington...	12	3				\$18 90
Gallia.....	Mrs. E. B. Davis, Rio Grande	6	1				45 57
Jackson.....		8	6				50
Meigs	Mrs. Amanda Roush, Cheshire Yearly Meeting collection ...						57 20
	Total	37	10				3 00
							\$125 17

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. J. B. DAVIS, RIO GRANDE; SECRETARY, MRS. J. A. WOLFORD, MARION.

The State secretary has the pleasure of reporting this society as doing better during the past year than in any previous one. The efficiency with which Mrs. Coe has advanced the mission interests of the organization, has given assurance of the right person in the right place as secretary; and a general regret is felt over her impaired health,—the cause of her retirement.

Total amount raised during the year is \$688.25. Money raised by various societies, which was not sent to the treasurer of this society, is not included in this report.

Ohio Y. M. has no organization, but two auxiliaries have recently been organized. Amount raised, \$5.00. Collections and contributions are also included. Ohio and Penn. Y. M. has given more than any other, but its contributions are less than last year. Cleveland Q. M. has given more than ever before. Crawford has doubled its contributions of last year.

Ohio Central Y. M. has contributed more than in any previous year.

Marion Q. M. has more than doubled the contributions of last year. The same may be said of Richland and Licking.

Ohio River has fallen off somewhat from last year.

MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. A. W. BACHELDER, HILSDALE; SECRETARY, MRS. M. A. MAYNARD, SPARTA.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
River Raisin ..	Miss Nettie English, Manchester	4	1	19			6	\$39 73
Genesee.....	Mrs. E. M. Wheeler, Columbiaville	18	6	53			20	141 40
Hillsdale	Mrs. J. Mowry, Rome	15	7	269	6	75	68	586 50
Van Buren.....	Mrs. G. W. Myers, Paw Paw	9	3	64			10	64 80
Grand Rapids..	Mrs. T. F. Bailey, E. Paris	7		50			25	139 75
Sanilac	Mrs. J. H. Pringle, Brown City							
Oxford.....	Mrs. M. Hosner, Romeo.....							
	Total	53	17	455	6	75	129	\$972 18

MICHIGAN YEARLY MEETING.

At the last session of the Y. M., Mrs. Mowry, of the Hillsdale Q. M., was appointed to visit the various parts of the State where special work was needed. Through her efforts, societies

have been organized in the Oxford and Sanilac Q. M.'s, and auxiliaries in these, and one in the River Raisin Q. M.

Several bands have been organized during the year, and the work in general assumed an attitude for advancement.

ST. JOSEPH'S VALLEY YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. FRENCH, HOMER, MICH.; SECRETARY, MRS. THEO. COOK, HOMER, MICH.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Calhoun and No. Branch..	Mrs. F. R. Randall, Burlington.....	7	1	1	21	25	\$94 53
Cass and Berrien.....	Mrs. Lola Burns, Adamsville.....	7	3		62		40 67
Branch .....	.....	5	1		29		18 75
Union .....	.....	5					6 06
	Total	24	5	1	112	25	\$160 01

The Cass and Berrien Society is still trying to do what they can in this great work. Public services are held each quarter. No account of its large interests in home mission work is reported.

A good interest still exists in the Calhoun and North Branch Q. M. Regular meetings are held. The children are becoming interested, and many churches without an auxiliary appoint collectors to take pledges.

The Branch Q. M. is not doing work as a society; but two of its churches—Kinderhook and Batavia—are much interested, and doing good work.

At the last session of the Y. M., a vice-president was appointed in this Q. M., and also one in Union Q. M.

CANADA.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.—SECRETARY, MRS. T. LUDINGTON, WOODSTOCK.

The Bloomsburg auxiliary has done something for both home and foreign missions. The Sunday-school of the Iona church

gives from three to five dollars a year to foreign missions. The North Zorra and South Zorra churches are the strongest in the Association. The former is doing quite a work for home missions, and supports a native preacher in India. The South Zorra contributes regularly, and keeps up its meetings with fair interest. The churches of the Association are also helping a student at Hillsdale College. A consecrated organizer could do much service in visiting these churches, and it is hoped that such a work will be undertaken during the coming year.

[*Mrs. A. A. McKenney, for the West and South.*]

DEAR SISTERS:—We realize that a year has passed since we met at Marion, Ohio, in connection with our General Conference, and as we glance backward we feel we have reason for rejoicing over the advancement of the *mission* cause in our Western States. Wisconsin and Minnesota have done nobly, while Nebraska and Kansas are following closely on. Northern Nebraska has made a good beginning in the woman's missionary work, and Iowa is arousing to her great privileges and responsibilities. We hear of but little work done in Indiana and Illinois, but we trust our sisters in the churches there are doing something in the cause, although we receive so few reports. During the past year, your Western secretary has given eighty-two days to the work of visiting churches and organizing societies, traveling 3,794 miles. She has visited the Yearly Meetings held in Northern Nebraska, Nebraska, Northern Kansas, and Iowa; also visited six Quarterly Meetings. Has organized one Y. M., two Q. M.'s, and twenty-five auxiliaries,—one of these in No. Nebraska, two in Kansas, six in Nebraska, fourteen in Iowa. One feature of our work has been to leave in every society mission literature. Many copies of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* and *Free Baptist* have been left in places visited. Twenty-eight copies of "Missionary Reminiscences" have been

sold, also ten copies of Miss Crawford's life, and thirty-six *Manuals*. Constitutions of auxiliaries and Quarterly Meetings, with "Hints and Helps," have been widely scattered, and blanks for quarterly reports have been furnished all organized societies. As the year's work has mostly been in the new States of Kansas and Nebraska, where our churches are having a struggle to live, and where we see so many promising openings, if we only had the needed men and means, and where we also see so many perils threatening these new States, if we neglect present duty, our interest in *home missions* grows, and we can but cry out, Oh, for more consecrated workers in these new fields!

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. H. T. ST. CLAIRE, CHERRY VALLEY; SECRETARY, MISS M. S. SIVIRSTON, PALOMA, BOON CO.; Rock River Q. M. (secretary, Miss Martha Hanson) reports two auxiliaries,—one at Troy Grove, and one at Four Mile Grove, which reports 11 members, 6 *HELPERS* taken, and \$150 raised. Prairie City Q. M. reports 2 auxiliaries.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. F. M. WASHBURN, RACINE; SECRETARY, MRS. O. H. TRUE, WINNECONNE.

Q. M. secretaries,—Rock and Dane, Mrs. C. W. Bullock; Honey Creek, Miss Clara L. Falkner; Lafayette, Mrs. J. R. Pope; Waupun, Mrs. W. H. Jackson; Sauk Co., Mrs. M. L. Stillwell. Number of Quarterly Meetings, 6; number of auxiliaries, 18; number of members, 273; money contributed by auxiliaries, \$476.30; number of bands and Sunday-schools contributing, 6; number of members of bands, 87; contributions by bands and Q. M. societies, \$92.03; collections, \$23.75; number of *HELPERS* taken, 91; contributed from all sources, \$592.08.

Sauk Co. supports a native teacher. Waupun Quarterly Meeting supported a school during the year, but has now relin-

quished it in favor of the Coldren Fund. We have united with our Yearly Meeting in paying the salary of Mr. and Mrs. Coldren, and support two schools, and aid others in India. Our home work demands much attention. Much is done by the sisters, and we feel that there is mission work all around us. Our churches must be sustained, or there will be no one to labor for far-off India.

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA YEARLY MEETING.—SECRETARY, MRS. G. B. BRADBURY, MINN.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.			No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
				No. of	No. of	No. of				
Hennepin.....	Mrs. G. B. Bradbury	11	11	200	4	166	102	\$365 58		
Chain Lake....	Mrs. F. P. Bacon.....	5	6	138			8	435 75		
Blue Earth Valley.....	Mrs. S. J. Bunker.....	6	5	94			9	104 45		
Winona and Houston	Miss Emmogene Gross.....	4	4	110			5	100 29		
Root River	Unorganized.....	5					7	25 00		
	Total	31	26	542	4	166	131	\$1031 07		

In summing up the year's work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Free Baptist churches of our State, we encounter facts and figures that show both progression and retrogression. We find a hopeful earnestness in many of the Quarterly Meeting reports, which show faithfulness and perseverance on the part of our dear yoke-fellows in the home mission work.

NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY, LINCOLN, NEB.; SECRETARY, MRS. S. H. WILLIAMS, KENESAW, NEB.

In the Yearly Meeting Woman's Mission Society of Nebraska, we have two Quarterly Meeting societies,—Nemaha and Hastings; and we have two societies that are not connected with any Quarterly Meeting. They are Aurora and Belmont. In the Nemaha Quarterly Meeting we have four auxiliaries, one

young people's society and mission band, with an aggregate membership of 149. In the Hastings Quarterly Meeting we have five auxiliaries, with an aggregate membership of 94. In the society at Belmont we have 30 members, and at Aurora 10.

In the Nemaha Quarterly Meeting, Lincoln auxiliary raised, during the year, \$61.26; mission band, \$12.00; Long Branch auxiliary, \$36.00; Young People's Band, \$15.00; Grand View auxiliary, \$30.00; Centerville auxiliary, \$35.00; total, \$189.26. In the Hastings Quarterly Meeting was raised at Pleasant, \$41.00; Fairview, \$40.07; Kenesaw, \$63.00; Grove, \$6.50; Prairie, Dak., unknown; total, \$150.57. Belmont raised \$20.00; Aurora, unknown. Aggregate, \$359.83.

The amount raised by the eleven auxiliaries, with an aggregate membership of 283, is \$359.83. As most of these members have joined during the last few months, we expect to do a greater work the coming year than the past. We find much to encourage us, as our ladies are becoming interested in the work, and our secretaries are reporting better. Thus we enter upon the work of another year, with renewed zeal and earnestness for the Master.

KANSAS.

NORTH KANSAS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. S. C. WHEELER; SECRETARY, MRS. L. M. WALLACE.

Washington Co. Q. M. is reported as organized,—Miss Julia Wooding, secretary. There are also auxiliaries reported at Blacker, Haddam, Cuba, DeWitt, Buffalo Valley, Fostoria, Fairview, and Mt. Pleasant. As all these societies have been organized in the last year, the work is yet new; but there are many hearts among them in full sympathy with the mission cause, and they will do all they can to arouse the indifferent, and add others who will labor and pray that Christ's cause may spread, and fill the whole earth.

A summary of these reports shows 239 auxiliaries, 62 bands, and a total amount raised of \$8,397.62. It is a matter of regret

that full returns are not made by each auxiliary, band, and Q. M. secretary. However, let us not simply regret past failures, but enter upon the work of the new year with a determination that we will each do what we can to secure more full and complete reports than ever before. Begin at once, and be content with nothing short of a full record of the year's work.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

August, 1887.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1887.

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To cash on hand, Aug. 31, 1886	\$695 76
" for Foreign Missions	8780 83
" " " special donation	500 00
" " zenana work	.....	122 57
" " Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary and work, including orphanage	.....	644 85
" " Miss Hattie Phillips's salary	.....	446 16
" " Miss I. Phillips's salary and work	.....	279 00
" " Miss L. Coombs's salary	.....	167 85
" " Miss E. Butts's salary	.....	257 02
" " Miss M. Bachelor's salary	.....	67 82
" " Mrs. J. Burkholder's work	.....	67 06
" " zenana work, industrial schools, and Bible women at Midnapore	.....	466 04
" " Home Missions	.....	115 63
" " work at Storer College, Harper's Ferry	.....	85 50
" " Mrs. Lightner's salary	.....	107 56
" " Miss Franklin's salary	.....	359 75
" " Western department	.....	124 09
" from interest on money loaned	.....	65 54
" returned by Miss Coombs, for rental	.....	17 00
" for General Fund	.....	1,278 56
(Total receipts for yearly appropriation, \$5,952.83.)		
To cash for outfit and passage of missionaries, including		
Miss Butts's and Miss Phillips's passage	.....	496 53
" Chandbali	.....	43 39
" Pakah Dale	.....	6 00
" Miss Butts's special work	.....	12 50
" library chairs for Storer College	.....	25 00

" " printing press for Storer College	\$70 00
" " Myrtle Hall	25
" " Western work by special act	156 69
" " Literature Fund	14 13
" " Incidental Fund	24 63
" from balance of Storer College note, belonging to working capital	148 92
(Total receipts for special appropriations, \$998.04)	
Total receipts	\$6,950 87
Total to account for	\$7,646 63

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By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary	\$400 00
" " Miss H. Phillips's salary	400 00
" " on account of Miss Butts's salary	360 02
" " Miss I. Phillips's salary	300 00
" " for Miss Coombs's salary	400 00
" " Miss M. Bacheler's salary	160 00
" " Mrs. Smith's assistant	300 00
" " zenana work at Jellasore	100 00
" " " " " Balasore	220 00
" " orphanage, etc., at Balasore	180 00
" " Bible women and zenana teachers, Midnapore,	200 00
" " Industrial School at Midnapore	325 00
" " Santal work, etc., in charge of Mrs. Burkholder	
" " rent at Balasore	160 00
" " Mrs. Lightner's salary	125 00
" " Miss Franklin's salary	400 00
" " work at Storer College	350 00
" " missionary in the South	400 00
" " Western department	60 00
" " cancelling the note against Storer College	435 48
" " printing reports	148 67
	119 57

(Total, in yearly appropriations, \$5,543.74.)

(Total for special appropriations, \$1,326.94)

Total for special appropriations, \$1,320.94	
Total disbursements	\$6,870 68
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1887	775 95

Total accounted for
There is due the society \$111.97 more than it owes.

INVESTMENTS.

Deposited in Strafford Co. Savings Bank	\$271 95
Mortgage bond of Carroll H. Johnson	300 00
" " B. C. Reynolds, known as the "Heb- bard Fund"	500 00
 Total working capital	\$1,071 95

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast, well vouched, and the investments and cash on hand the same as above stated.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources:—

New Hampshire	\$1,879 28
Maine	1,437 42
Rhode Island	1,097 26
Michigan	541 59
Minnesota	385 60
Vermont	365 66
Massachusetts	356 75
New York	116 50
Ohio	97 39
Iowa	90 89
Wisconsin	72 60
Province of Quebec	68 15
Nebraska	48 36
Indiana	44 16
Illinois	28 37
Kansas	17 86
West Virginia	5 00
California	3 00
Tennessee	2 00
Pennsylvania	2 00
Missouri	1 00
New Jersey	50
Interest	65 54
Storer College note	148 92
Rent	17 00
Sale of <i>Manuals</i>	5 86
Miscellaneous	52 21
 Total receipts	\$6,950 87

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1888.

INDIA.

Midnapore.

Salary of Miss L. C. Coombs	\$400 00
Zenana work and Bible women	200 00
Industrial School	325 00
Salary of Miss Ella F. Butts	400 00

Jellasore.

Schools	\$50 00
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Bhimpore.

Santal work, teachers, and schools (Mrs. Burkholder)	160 00
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Balasore.

Salary of Miss Hattie Phillips	400 00
Work at Balasore	270 00
Rent	100 00
Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith	400 00
Salary of assistant	150 00
Work of Mrs. D. F. Smith, girls' orphanage and schools	180 00
Mrs. Griffin's work	50 00

Total for India	\$3,085 00
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Harper's Ferry, West Va.

Salary of Mrs. L. Lightner	\$400 00
Salary of Miss Coralie Franklin	350 00
Work at Harper's Ferry	400 00
Industrial department	100 00

Total for Normal School	1,250.00
Home Missions West	500 00
Missionary South	200 00
Salary of Miss Ida O. Phillips	400 00

Total	\$5,435 00
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MEMBERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

The payment of \$1.00 constitutes a member for one year.

Twenty dollars constitutes a life member.

Twenty-five dollars supports an orphan for one year in India.

Twenty-five dollars supports a zenana teacher for one year in India.

Twenty-five dollars supports a Bible woman one year.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

THIS organization shall be called the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings, more especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools and churches in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership, and \$20.00 life membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be a president, a vice-president from each yearly meeting or association society, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, two or more home secretaries, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, when needed, an auditor, who, with thirteen other women, shall constitute a board of managers, seven of whom may form a quorum. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V.

RELATIONS TO OTHER SOCIETIES.

This society shall act as an associate worker with the F. B. Foreign Mission Society and the F. B. Home Mission Society, and no missionary shall be sent to India without the approval of the F. B. Foreign Mission Society.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of October, due notice of time and place being given by the recording secretary, who shall also call special meetings when so directed by the board of managers.

ARTICLE VII.

CHANGES.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The president shall perform all duties usual to such office, and shall also be the president of the board of managers.
2. The vice-presidents who are the presidents of Y. M. and association societies shall perform the duties usual to such office. The one who is president of the Y. M. society in which the meeting of this society is held, shall, in absence of the president, perform her duties. They are also members of the board of managers.
3. The recording secretary shall also be secretary of the board of managers, and shall read the minutes of all sessions of the board of managers, at the annual meeting of the society, for its approval. She shall apprise members of committees of their appointment, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.
4. The foreign corresponding secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries and teachers, both at home and abroad, and keep on file letters and papers. She shall call meetings of the board of managers, duly notify each member, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the board, and present to the society an annual report.
5. The home corresponding secretaries shall have oversight of the work of the society as relates to organization, securing the formation, as far as possible, of Y. M., Q. M., and auxiliary societies. They shall conduct correspondence with the corresponding secre-

tary of these societies, and present to the society an annual report.

6. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report, which has been accepted by the board of managers, at each annual meeting of the society. She shall pay no bills except by vote of the board, which vote shall be signed by the recording secretary. She shall also give a bond satisfactory to the board.

7. The board of managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the society.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *A Publication Committee* of seven shall be appointed annually, who shall have in charge tracts, leaflets, books, and our magazine. Their special duties shall be assigned them by the board of managers, and they shall report annually to the society.

2. *Bureau of Intelligence*.—This department of work is designed to afford a medium of circulating missionary intelligence among auxiliaries and churches. It shall be under the care of a committee of two persons, who shall have power to enlarge their number when needed. They shall report annually to the society.

3. *Advisory Committee (in India)*.—The missionaries of this society in India shall constitute an advisory committee, regularly organized. Business requiring action of the board of managers shall be communicated through their secretary; this shall include requests for furloughs to return home, and any possible resignation of missionaries. In consultation with other missionaries whose work we assist, it shall ascertain and recommend the proportionate amount of money needed for the work at the several stations, the secretary forwarding this basis of appropriation with the annual reports of the several missionaries to the corresponding secretary of the society, by July 1, annually.

ARTICLE III.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

1. *Incidental Fund*.—This fund is designed for the payment of necessary expenses of special meetings of the board of managers, traveling expenses of delegates and committees, and for postage, stationery, and printing, of the officers of the general society. Its disbursements shall be under the control of the board of managers.

2. *Working Capital*.—The interest of this fund is designed to be used for the general work of this society, and the fund itself only

as security for obtaining money to meet emergencies. The money borrowed on this security is to be returned before new appropriations are made. This capital shall be invested in safe securities by the treasurer, under the direction of the board.

CHANGES.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, incorporated in the year 1883, under the laws of the State of Maine, the sum of _____ dollars, to be used for the purposes of said society.

Helps For Auxiliaries.

Constitution of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society.

Constitution for Quarterly Meeting Societies.

Hints and Helps for Q. M. Societies.

Constitution for Auxiliaries, including Hints for Organization, and other valuable items. 4 pages.

Constitution for Mission Bands, including valuable suggestions.

Blanks for reporting Mission Bands, Auxiliaries, Q. M. and Y. M. Societies.

READINGS.

"Thanksgiving Ann." "An Indian Maiden's Call." Price, 3 cents each.

DIALOGUES.

A Missionary Dialogue on India. Also "The Toilers," for twelve children. Price, 3 cents each.

"India, our Mission Field," a very reliable and comprehensive seven-page pamphlet, which may be used as a dialogue, or not. Price, 4 cents each. 36 cents per dozen.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

"Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in America and England," by Mrs. Daggett	75 cts.
"My Missionary Box and I"	10 cts.
"A Grain of Mustard Seed, or the District Secretary's Letter"	10 cts.
"Missionary Exercises," a collection of Bible Readings, Dialogues, Poems, etc., including postage	35 cts.
"The Golden Sheaf," by Mrs. H. C. Phillips	50 cts.
Manual of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society	10 cts.
Bound volumes of the MISSIONARY HELPER, 1880, 1881, 1882	75 cts.
Send contributions for the Literature Fund, and orders for the above, to Mrs. I. E. G. Meader, 14 White Street, Pawtucket, R. I.	

